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ADVANCE OF ALLIES IN WEST CONTINUES

RUSSIANS ARE HOLDING LARGE GERMAN ARMY OF 200,000 ON BZURA BANK

Sczerzcow Is the Enemy's Objective in Attempt to Reach Warsaw, But Russia Has Command With Entrenchments and Artillery Positions

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The Russian forces are still holding at bay the German column which is seeking to cross the Bzura river at Sochaczew and advance on Warsaw, thirty miles away. For three days this German army of about 200,000 men has been endeavoring to cross the river and throw back the Russians who are holding the right bank.

Sochaczew continues to be the German objective in the attempt to reach Warsaw. The Russian forces on the right bank of the Bzura are heavily entrenched. Their artillery is so placed that it commands the river to its junction with the Vistula, eighteen miles north. Southward, the Russian line extends to Opoczno, twenty-five miles east of Pietrkow, which recently was evacuated, and 45 miles east of Sczerzcow, where the Russians first opposed the German extreme right.

Russians Endeavoring to Wear Down Enemy.

It is pointed out that the Russians thus have assumed positions on their third line of defence. The evacuation of Lodz, which lies to the west of this line, was thus in logical sequence to this movement, and, according to the general opinion here, had no bearing on the attack on Warsaw.

The Russians for the present apparently are attempting nothing more than to retard the enemy and to defeat attempt at flanking movements.

A general attached to the Russian staff who recently returned to Petrograd from the front reviewed the present military situation to-day in an optimistic manner.

"We are now at the close of the first period of the war," he said. "It has ended, to be sure, with the battle-front shifted to the eastward, but without marked advantage to the Germans.

The German offensive was begun with the centre extending from Posen to Katis. The armies of Generals Mackensen and Francks advanced to the Bzura river, occupying positions in almost a straight line from Plock through Domitz and Lodz to Piotrkow, where they fortified themselves. The northern division which proceeded to Ciechanow and Makow was forced back to the frontier. The Austro-German troops from Silesia advanced toward Okasa, Wolbrun and Nowo Radomsk, while further to the south the Austrians proceeded to the river Dunajec, aiming to free Cracow.

To the southwest of Przemysl an Austrian-Hungarian army attempted to cross the Carpathians, striving to relieve Przemysl and free Galicia. The centres of intense operations developed in the order above mentioned.

The strategic position of the railroad lines enabled the Austro-Germans to manoeuvre their forces north and south, and east and west and vice versa. The total number of Austro-Germans opposing Russia is estimated at more than forty army corps (about 1,600,000 men).

The present aim of the enemy evidently is to take the Lithuanian fortress of Kovno, Evinsk and Grodno, and strike westward toward the Baltic. The Austrians are attempting to free Galicia, push northward to Radom and Lublin and occupy Southern Poland. If the enemy were successful in thus freeing its own territory and fortifying thoroughly the lines mentioned, no effort would be made to go further. The enemy would content himself with remaining on the defensive along this front, so that thirty army corps might be transferred to the western theatre of war.

"These aspirations cannot be realized because the Russians are being reinforced continually and are now occupying positions which may be defended much more effectively than their previous ones."

London, Dec. 21.—The great battle to the west of Warsaw has yet to be fought out, judging from the indications conveyed in recent dispatches from Berlin and Petrograd. It appears to-day to British military observers that the German contention that General von Hindenberg had scored a notable success over the Russians must be discredited. A parallel case is found in the recent claims of a crushing Russian victory near Lodz, which subsequently proved to be premature and exaggerated.

The German army commanded by General von Hindenberg has ordered a steady advance in the direction of the Polish capital, but the Russians, in fall-

ing back, appear to have taken new positions in strong entrenchments, and in spite of the fact that the invaders are within two or three days' march of Warsaw, there is good reason to believe that much hard fighting must come before it can be determined whether this latest attempt to occupy Warsaw will be successful.

Along the southern frontier of East Prussia the Russians claim to have the upper hand, but farther to the south in Southern Poland as well as in Galicia the leaders of the Austro-German forces declare they are sweeping the Russians before them. They assert further that they have cleared all the Russians out of West Galicia. This means that the long siege of Cracow has been raised, and if this advance on the part of the Teuton allies continues, it may bring some relief to the Austrian garrison at Przemysl, besieged by the Russians since the early days of the war. Vigorous Austrian offensive in this area of hostility has necessitated the withdrawal of many troops heretofore used against Serbia, and there are indications that the Austrian attempts to crush Serbia will for the time be abandoned.

The Kaiser has so far recovered from his illness as to return to the front. Here he will spend Christmas.

The dispatches from Germany do not say to which front he has gone, but advises received early from Berlin lead to the belief that he has turned westward.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The Russian press is convinced that the formation of a Scandinavian triple alliance may be announced at any time now as the result of the conference at Malmoe, Sweden, last week of King Haakon, King Gustave and King Christian.

The newspapers express the opinion that such an alliance could not possibly be a source of danger to Russia. They state that a concert of the Scandinavian powers would ally apprehension concerning the possible pro-German sympathy of Sweden.

RUMOR SAYS ANOTHER GERMAN CRUISER SUNK

London, Dec. 21.—Persistent rumors are current that a German cruiser has been sunk off the coast of Scotland. It is also rumored that two British destroyers arrived at Leith, Scotland damaged. There is no official confirmation of these reports.

THIRTY MILLION POUNDS ON WAR LOAN IS PAID

London, Dec. 21.—A call of £30,000,000 on the war loan which was due to-day was arranged easily. There was no disturbance of money rates.

BERLIN REPORT SAYS NOTHING OF RETREAT

Joffre's General Order for Advance of French Army Dated December 17

Berlin, Dec. 21.—(By wireless to London.)—The German war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows: "The French attacks yesterday at Nieuport were repulsed. Between Richebourg l'Avoue and the canal of La Bassee we attacked the positions of the Anglo-Indian troops, stormed and captured their trenches and dislodged them from their positions with heavy losses. We captured one piece of artillery, five machine guns, two mite-throwers and 270 Anglo-Indian prisoners, including ten officers. The trenches we lost to the enemy December 18 near Notre Dame de Lorette have been recaptured.

"In the neighborhood of Souvain, to the northeast of Chalons, French troops yesterday attempted a fierce attack. In one place they penetrated our outer trenches but their attack broke down under our fire. They left four officers and 310 men in our hands and a large number of dead French troops were left on the ground in front of our position.

"In the Argonne we captured an important wooded hill at Le-Four de Paris; three machine guns, one revolver gun and 275 prisoners. The fierce French attacks to the northwest of Verdun have failed completely.

"The great activity shown by the French along our entire front has been explained by an army order dated December 17, and signed by General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French troops, which was found on a French officer. This order reads as follows: "During three months the enemy has made numerous fierce attacks without being able to break through our lines. Everywhere he has been victoriously repulsed. The moment now has arrived for us to make use of the weakness which he has shown. After having reinforced ourselves, with men and material, the hour of attack has arrived.

"We kept the German forces in check and it is now our business to clear the land of these invaders. "Soldiers, more than ever before France relies upon your courage and your desire to conquer at any cost. You already have been victorious on the Marne and on the Yser at Ypres, in Lorraine and in the Vosges. You will know how to conquer until the final triumph."

"In the eastern arena of the war the situation in West Prussia remains unchanged. In Poland we continue our attacks against the position of the enemy."

THIRD LARGE FIRE IN THREE WEEKS AT MACLEOD

Flour Mill and Twenty Thousand Bushels of Wheat Destroyed This Morning.

Macleod, Alta., Dec. 21.—Damage to the extent of \$35,000 was caused this morning when the elevator operated by the Macleod Flour Mills was destroyed by fire, with twenty thousand bushels of wheat. The extensive flour mill, which adjoins, were saved, with considerable difficulty and other adjacent property was menaced. The origin of the outbreak is unknown, and the third big fire which has mysteriously broken out in the town during the past three weeks. The building, owned by Randell, Gee & Mitchell, of Minneapolis, is fully insured and a large portion of the contents is covered.

GLENNMOOR WAS SUNK BY CRUISER LEIPZIG

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Another victim of the German cruiser Leipzig, now at the bottom of the sea, was reported to the Chamber of Commerce here to-day, in a London dispatch which gave the vessel's name as the British steamer Glennmoor, 2,975 tons, bound from Swansea to San Francisco. She was sunk off Cape San Antonio, near Montevideo, at a date not given, but evidently many weeks ago.

FRANCE TO CANCEL SOME NATURALIZATION PAPERS

Paris, Dec. 21.—The government has decided to introduce in parliament a bill modifying the naturalization law of 1889, says the newspaper Matin to-day. The new measure will permit the government to cancel, by decree, naturalization papers granted to any person who shall have kept his original nationality, or by his conduct towards hostile powers shall be judged unworthy to retain French citizenship.

WOUNDED VICTORIANS ARE INVALIDED HOME

Crawford and Hill of Fire Department Coming Back From Front

TELL OF INCIDENTS SEEN ON BATTLEFIELD

Germans Driven Into Action While British Soldiers Are Led

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Invalided home after being wounded while fighting with the allied forces in France and Belgium, Alfred Taylor, of the Vancouver postal service, and R. Crawford and W. Hill, of the Victoria fire department, arrived in the city this morning. The first two named were among the first to leave the coast on the outbreak of the war both being British army reserve men of the first-class. They served with the Royal Field Artillery, and were in the battles of Rheims, Bruges and in numerous engagements near Rheims and Bruges. Mr. Taylor was with the Royal Irish Fusiliers. All three of the men were wounded by shrapnel. Gunner Hill was badly hurt in the side in the stiff fighting near Bruges. He is still wearing bandages.

Gunner Crawford was wounded in the knee by a flying fragment of shell. Private Taylor was injured in the thigh. "Corroboration of the stories of German atrocities on women and children is given by the returned warriors the first to arrive back at the Canadian Pacific coast from the war zone. Gunner Hill said that he helped to bury nineteen women and children near Rheims, victims of the devastating Hun.

The Germans do not like the cold steel and can seldom stand a real British charge, said Gunner Hill, who witnessed the famous charge of the Argyle Highlanders in the severe fighting near Ostend, in which his battery took a leading part. They covered a number of similar advances.

While in the military hospital at Davenport, Gunner Hill saw some terrible sights. One man in an adjoining bed had several bullets in his leg. He had been in the line of a machine gun. Both Gunner Hill and Gunner Crawford said that they had seen dozens of men, civilians and soldiers, whose wrists had been severed.

The morale of the Germans was far different to that of the British soldiers, Gunner Crawford said in reply to a question.

"The German soldiers had to be driven into action, while our men were led," he declared. "Our officers had the utmost difficulty in keeping their men in check."

He said that the Germans used ammunition recklessly, keeping up a continuous fire on a position irrespective of whether it was occupied by their opponents or not. A far different policy was practiced by the British gunners, who made every shot tell. "We usually hit our mark whenever we shot, our marksmanship was better and we could handle our guns quicker," he said. Gunner Hill confirmed the reports that only a small percentage of the thousands of shells discharged by the enemy's guns exploded. "They would have wiped us out entirely if they had made their shots tell like we did ours," he said.

BRITISH PORTS BOMBARDED

An enemy's bombs have fallen in British ports and killed some of our fellow countrymen. Does not this bring the war close home? With

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GLASGOW, BRISTOL AND INVINCIBLE REPORTED

British and French at Montevideo Hold Brilliant Reception for Sir Frederick Sturdee

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 20.—The British cruiser Invincible, which took part in the naval engagement off the Falkland Islands on December 8, in which four German cruisers were sunk, arrived to-day in the roadstead off this port. Sir Frederick Sturdee, the British admiral, who commanded the squadron, is aboard the Invincible. The British colony gave a brilliant reception in honor of Vice-Admiral Sturdee, in which the members of the French colony participated.

Puerto Montt, Chile, Dec. 20.—The British cruisers Glasgow and Bristol arrived here to-day.

Montevideo, Dec. 20.—Several interesting details of the recent naval battle off the Falkland Islands in which a British squadron sank the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau, Leipzig and Nuernberg, became known here to-day when Admiral Sturdee, the British commander, and his staff came ashore to attend a reception given by the Belgian and French ministers. The naval officers were warmly received. It is said that the cruiser Invincible, which led in the attack on the Scharnhorst, Admiral von Spee's flagship, and after that vessel had been sunk, was also in at the death of the Gneisenau, was struck by twenty projectiles, but sustained no serious damage. The vessel's casualties were light considering the number of times she was hit, only fourteen members of her crew having been wounded.

When the battle began and while the Germans were firing at long range, it is said the British commanders reserved their fire and permitted their men to have breakfast before answering the attack. When the Brits did come into action, however, little signalling was done as each vessel's officers already knew their task. When the Gneisenau sank she was without ammunition, but had refused to surrender. Her officers and men stood on deck singing patriotic songs as she took her plunge beneath the waves. A number of her crew, including several officers, were rescued. Some of these men died later from wounds or shock sustained by the submersion in the cold water.

The Scharnhorst was ablaze when she sank with all hands, including Admiral von Spee. Two sons of the admiral on board the Gneisenau and one on board the Leipzig also were lost. The commander of the British flagship was slightly hurt on the foot by being struck by flying splinters. Had he ordered his six-inch guns manned there doubtless would have been fatalities aboard; as one of these guns was smashed by a German shell. The Germans rescued from the disaster have been sent to England.

FEWER INTERNMENTS IN CANADA THAN EXPECTED

Austrians Well Behaved; Five Thousand Aliens Registered at Montreal.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—According to present indications there will be far fewer internments of alien enemies in Canada than was at first expected, judging by the number of Germans and Austrians in the country. Registration is proceeding rapidly, but the number of internments so far is away below the accommodation provided in the concentration camps.

It is found, for instance, in Montreal, that nearly all the Austrians in the city are being provided for at soup kitchens which are supported by their own countrymen. The Austrians, it is stated, are most peaceably inclined and the majority of those interned are Germans. Many of the latter have private means and those who behave themselves and do not constitute a menace are not a burden upon the government.

KAISER GOES TO FRONT AGAINST DOCTOR'S ORDER

London, Dec. 21.—The departure of Emperor William for the front, announced yesterday, is said by the Exchange Telegraph company's correspondent at Amsterdam to have been decided upon against the advice of the emperor's physician, who strongly opposed his making the trip at this time. The military chiefs, however, insisted, the correspondent adds, that the emperor spend Christmas with his troops and he decided to do so.

FLEET GUNS CUT UP GERMAN RANKS AND DRIVE THEM INLAND

Steady Progress Through France and Belgium Is Recorded To-Day in French Official Statement—Infantry and Artillery Both Successful

Enemy Bombards Arras and Shells Hospital at Ypres—French Gain 1,200 Yards of Trenches North of Beausejours

Amsterdam, Dec. 20.—The Sluis correspondent of the Telegraaf sends the following: "A dispatch says that violent fighting continues on the Yser. The fleet's guns are playing havoc in the German ranks. Trains filled with wounded are entering Bruges. Most of these trains proceed eastward. The allies have not occupied Roulers, but the fighting is raging between there and Ypres and Dixmude."

London, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says: "The Germans have evacuated Dixmude, but the report that the allies have taken Middlekerke is untrue."

Dover, via London, Dec. 20.—Between Nieuport and Middlekerke the German positions were heavily shelled by the British warships, between Friday night and 7 o'clock Saturday morning. It is said the Germans replied at one point with 11-inch naval guns.

During the earlier stages of the action the German fire was heavy, but apparently the guns were destroyed or withdrawn as the reply early in the morning was very light.

Official Report is General Forward Movement.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Progress all along the line is claimed in the French official statement given out here this afternoon. There is not one single mention of a German success or a French repulse.

Gains, although slight, are recorded in Belgium, between the Lys and the Aisne, in the champagne country and in the Argonne. At one point an advance of 1,200 yards is recorded, and at another the French made 500 yards.

Progress had been made between the Argonne and the Meuse, on the right bank of the Meuse and on the heights of the Meuse.

The French heavy artillery is described as having been successful on the Aisne, near Rheims and elsewhere.

The text of the communication follows:

"The day of December 20 brought nothing of importance in Belgium, if exception is made of some progress in the region of Lombaertzyde and St. Georges, and at a point to the southeast of Bixschote; the occupation of some houses in Warlelem, south of Zillebeke, and the bombardment by the enemy of the Ypres hospital.

"Between the Lys and Aisne, we occupied a forest near the route between Noulette and Souchez, and we also took possession of all the first line of German trenches between this highway and the first houses of Notre Dame de Lorette, southwest of Loos. "The enemy has bombarded Arras.

"Our heavy artillery silenced on repeated occasions the artillery of the enemy to the north of Carnoy, which is to the east of Albert. This artillery also demolished the German trenches and sent head over heels two cannon of a battery established near Hom, which is to the southeast of Carnoy. The heavy artillery also scored dis-

ting advantages on the Aisne and in the sector of Rheims. "In Champagne, in the region of Proemes, Perthes and Beausejour, as well as in the Argonne, we made along the entire front appreciable advances. This is particularly so to the northeast of Beausejour, where we won and occupied 1,200 yards of the enemy's trenches. In the forest of LaGrurie we blew four mined saps and we established ourselves in the position thus made.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse there has been progress along all the front, particularly in the region of Varnnes, where the Brooke of Cheppes has been left 500 yards in our rear and in the region of Gercourt-Bethincourt.

"On the right bank of the Meuse we have gained ground at LaCroupe, at a point two kilometres northwest of Brabant, and in the forest of Consenoye.

"Finally, on the heights of Meuse we have made slight progress in the forest of Deschavillers, to the northeast of the fort of Coyon."

SEATTLE COMPANY BUYS ALVENSLEBEN INTERESTS

Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal and Other Concerns to Change Ownership.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—A company with a capitalization of \$4,000,000 has been organized in Seattle to amalgamate under one concern the coal and land holdings of the Canadian Finance company, in which the Alvo von Alvensleben company was interested. The new company takes over the Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal company, operating the Ingle Pot mine at Nanaimo and the Inlaquash coal mine in the state of Washington. It will issue debentures to pay off the liabilities of the subsidiary companies, and will be registered in British Columbia.

CANTLIE WILL COMMAND FORTY-SECOND BATTALION

Montreal, Que., Dec. 21.—Major-General Hughes passed through Montreal this morning on his way from the maritime provinces to Ottawa. He announced that the new battalion being raised for the third contingent will be known as the 42nd battalion to correspond with that of the famous Black Watch. Lt.-Col. G. S. Cantlie will be in command.

REPENTANCE DAY IN GERMAN ARMY JAN. 10

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—The newspaper Nieuw Rotterdamse Courant learns from Cologne that the archbishops and bishops of Germany have ordered that January 10 be kept as a general repentance day by the Catholics in the army. The priests in the field are charged to encourage the soldiers to participate as much as possible.

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Fighting in Caucasus Near Van Has Developed and Goes Against Turks

Petrograd, Dec. 20.—The following statement of the Russian general staff was issued to-night:

"On the left bank of the Vistula river, on the front of the Bzura and Hlowa river, a number of encounters, some of them of a very fierce description, took place on the 19th.

"Two German companies which had crossed the Bzura, near the village of Dakhova, on a half-burned bridge were immediately attacked by our troops and annihilated. Of this force only 50 men remained. These we made prisoners.

"Fighting also is reported in the region of Opoczno to the east of Piotrkow. In Galicia the situation is without important change. At certain points we have made counter attacks and captured some prisoners and machine guns. In the district of Przemysl the Austrians attempted a sortie in great strength. The movement failed, and the outcome was that we took them on the flank and captured a great many prisoners.

An official statement issued by the Russian staff in the Caucasus says: "The fighting with the Turks, who had concentrated considerable forces in the direction of Van, has developed favorably for us. We have repulsed the attacks of the enemy near the village of Alagoze, where the Turks had a great number killed."

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"This hatred has already passed the frontiers of reason. It clouds their vision, it hinders their counsel. We see a nation of military calculators throwing calculation to the winds; strategists who have lost their sense of proportion; of schemers who have ceased to balance loss and gain.

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"To this act of military and political folly they were impelled by violence of feelings which could find no other outlet. This is very satisfactory, and should confirm in our course. Their hate is a measure of their fear. Its senseless expression is proof of their impotence and the seal of their dishonor.

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EXPLANATIONS DEMANDED OF INTENTIONS OF ARABS

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—According to an Odessa dispatch to the Bourse Gazette, the Italian ambassador at Constantinople has been instructed to demand explanations of the threatening attitude of 4,000 Arabs under Turkish command towards Tripoli. It is reported that the ambassador threatens a rupture of diplomatic relations unless a satisfactory answer is made within a certain time limit.

WINSTON CHURCHILL



GERMAN HATRED HAS PASSED ALL REASON

Stigma of Baby Killers Rests on Navy Forever Says Winston Churchill

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AUSTRIA PLANS FOR ANOTHER WAR LOAN

Banker Says Dual Monarchy in Favorable Financial Position When War Began

Vienna, Austria, Aug. 20.—The Austrian government is making preparations for the issuing of a fresh war loan, and bankers have been making various statements with a view to preparing the way.

In the course of a lecture given by Herr Broch, director of the Commercial bank, on the influence of the war on the financial and economic situation of the monarchy he stated that the war had found Austria-Hungary in an eminently favorable financial position.

At the moment of speaking there was a large amount of surplus capital in the country, which might profitably be invested in a new war loan. When the war not over the world would not only have been compelled to change its estimate of their political and military power, but also of the inner solidarity of their economic life and national credit.

Dr. Sieghart, a privy councillor, writing in the Neue Freie Presse on the duty of all those who could do so to subscribe to the war loan, remarked that the financial administration had done its very best and secured to itself a considerable amount of short term credit. These resources were there, but as funds in circulation, not as reserve capital. In the present form they were depressing values, and must be converted into reserve capital, both in the interest of the individual, who deserved a proper return for his investment, and in the interest of the state, which required time to meet its liabilities. The time for the raising of a large interior loan had come; it was, in fact, a financial and defensive necessity.

The shrinkage in industrial production, the increase in the price of crops and the loan effected by capitalists must have resulted in the accumulation of large sums of money in the hands of certain individuals, and these must now be placed at the disposal of the state.

The Vienna press has subsequently announced that the hopes entertained of a successful loan are so far being fulfilled. Many private individuals and public bodies had already promised large sums before the actual opening of the subscription list, among others the Archduke Frederick promising 8,000,000 kronen, and the Rothschild bank 25,000,000 kronen. Actual subscriptions to the loan on the first day of issue amounted to 500 million kronen.

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MUNITIONS OF WAR SOLD TO BRITAIN AND FRANCE

No Record of Shipments From United States to Russia, Belgium or Germany.

Washington, Dec. 21.—In response to Senator Hitchcock's resolution for information on shipments of war munitions from the United States, Secretary Redfield has submitted a report giving data so far as available. There are 15,000 firms in the country, he said, that could export munitions, and it had been impossible to make a complete investigation.

He said shipments of ammunition since the war were chiefly to the United Kingdom and France. In October munitions exports to them totalled \$1,104,744 worth of cartridges, \$553,350 worth of firearms, and \$1,114 worth of gunpowder. Since the European war began there is no record of shipments of war munitions to Germany, Russia, Belgium or Serbia.

SIGN IN THE SKY GIVES EGYPTIANS CONFIDENCE

Sultan Hussein, New Ruler, Receives His Subjects at Cairo.

Cairo, Dec. 20.—The era of New Egypt was ushered in to-day with brilliant ceremonies, during which ministers, officials and notables of the country and the entire population of the capital paid their homage to the new ruler, Sultan Hussein, who received no fewer than six thousand persons besides delivering addresses to many deputations. Yesterday witnessed a large influx of visitors to the capital for to-day's imposing ceremony. Princes, governors, notables and officials of practically the whole country arrived and in the evening the city, lavishly decked with flags, was illuminated. It was regarded by the people as a happy augury that against the deep red of the sunset glow a new crescent moon, with a bright star near it, gleamed with silvery radiance in the heavens.

BOMBARD DARDANELLES FORTS.

London, Dec. 21.—An Athens dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company reports that the allies bombarded the interior forts of the Dardanelles Saturday.

BRITISH SATISFIED ON DESTINATION OF COPPER

Metal From United States to Italy Will Not Pass From There to Germany.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Representatives of western copper producing interests who called on Secretary Bryan on Saturday found that an understanding was being framed between the United States and Great Britain whereby American copper would be allowed to be transported to Italy without detention.

Most American copper is shipped "to order," or consigned directly to belligerent countries. Consequently the British government, which declared copper contraband, asserted the right to seize it. The nature of the understanding which has been reached between the British government and Italy, which will permit the resumption of the American copper trade with Italy, is understood to be that the British are satisfied with the guarantees which the Italian government will extend that the copper will not reach Germany or Austria if allowed to enter Italian ports.

INDIANS ARE WOUNDED IN THEIR LEFT HANDS

When Closing With Enemy They Clutch the Bayonets and Use Knives With Right Hand.

Southampton, Eng., Dec. 20.—A Canadian soldier who visited several hospitals in the south of England saw forty or fifty East Indians, all of whom had their left hands bandaged. He asked one of the Red Cross attendants how they all receive the same sort of injuries.

"All of them have bayonet wounds in the left hand, because of their style of fighting," was the reply. "When they get close enough for a hand-to-hand fight they throw down their guns, parry the bayonets of the enemy with their left hand and use their knives with the right hand. Of course they get a bad wound in their left hand, but they don't mind that, and they almost always get their man."

TRITONIA BOUND FOR ST. JOHN HITS MINE

London, Dec. 20.—The British steamer Tritonia, of the Donaldson line, struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland Saturday morning, and is believed to have foundered, according to an announcement made to-day by the admiralty. The crew of the steamer was saved.

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UNEMPLOYMENT AMONG MEN IS AT MINIMUM

War Has Brought Hardship to Women Workers in Cities of Great Britain.

London, Dec. 20.—There is now less unemployment among male workers than there was before the war, due largely to the vacancies created in the industrial ranks by those who have joined the fighting forces. But there has been a very great increase of unemployment among women. In London alone 10,406 registered with the central body in the last four months as needing employment. In the same period last year only 556 were registered. Among dressmakers, milliners, laundresses and charwomen distress is keenest. For the relief of unemployed workwomen twenty-two workrooms have been opened in as many London boroughs and they are under the control of the central unemployed body. It is estimated that the cost of running them will be \$500,000 a year. Of this sum \$20,000 will be provided out of the queen's fund, the balance being met by grants from the local government boards.

KING OF ITALY TALKS TO PRINCE VON BUELOW

New German Ambassador Presents His Credentials to Victor Emmanuel.

Rome, Dec. 21.—King Victor Emmanuel yesterday received Prince von Buelow, the new German ambassador to Italy, who presented his credentials and remained for an hour in cordial conversation with the monarch. Leaving, Prince von Buelow said he was greatly satisfied with the result of his audience.

King Victor sent carriages to the new ambassador's residence to bring him to the palace. Prince von Buelow drove to the palace accompanied by Baron von Hindenberg, councillor of the German embassy and a nephew of the famous field marshal. At the entrance to the palace buglers played a German air. The ambassador was received by court dignitaries and ushered immediately into the presence of the King.

VILLA TROOPS GO OVER TO SIDE OF CARRANZA

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 19.—A dispatch received by the local Mexican consul to-day said: "The Villa garrison at San Luis Potosi, revolted against Villa this morning and surrendered the city to General Samuel Santos, who is loyal to General Carranza."

The dispatch added that several thousand troops participated in the revolt, asserting they would remain no longer under the banner of Villa. They asked to be enrolled in the ranks of General Santos, who thus acquired a large body of loyal troops without a battle.

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THE WAR.

A tremendous conflict is raging along the three-hundred-mile front in the west. The allies, favored with a superiority in numbers and artillery, are pressing forward along the whole line from the sea to Switzerland. It is all being done with that methodical precision and care which have characterized the operations of Joffre and French from the first. There are no haphazard von Kluck plunges, no theatrical demonstrations such as that memorable raid of the Crown Prince through Longwy to the Argonne, where he suffered a disastrous defeat last August. Each blow in force is being aimed at a vital spot. In Belgium it is towards Bruges and Courtrai, and in Northern France it is towards Lille, Cambrai and Peronne. North of the Aisne it is towards Laon, in the Argonne towards Varennes, east of the Meuse toward Metz and in Alsace towards the Mulhausen and Colmar.

The French bulletin to-day states that progress has been made from end to end. It is not so marked in Belgium as in Northern France, the unfavorable condition of the ground interfering with offensive operations. Nevertheless the allies are slowly bending the enemy back in Flanders. In the Champagne district they have taken 1,200 yards of the German first-line trenches, and in the Argonne have gained more than five hundred yards. This progress seems small, but the widely distributed points at which it is made indicates that the offensive of the allies is gaining in momentum and extent. When it is far under way we shall expect to hear of decisive captures at places with the names of which everyone is familiar.

In the east the Russians hold a front from the junction of the Bzura river with the Vistula, and about thirty miles west of Warsaw, directly south through Opoczno to the Donajec river in Galicia. The Germans in enormous force are endeavoring to cross the Bzura at Sochaczow, thereby getting hold of one of the railroads to Warsaw along which they would concentrate their might. The only difference between this movement and the one that preceded it is that the main attack comes from the southwest instead of from the south as before. There is no reason to expect that it will be any more successful. The Russians have now a much shorter front; they are holding ground prepared for defence all the way to the Vistula, and they are within convenient reach of their enormous reserves. We anticipate a situation here very similar to that which occurred on the Marne, and we look for a Russian flanking operation which will smash the German offensive.

Petrograd reports that 1,600,000 Germans and Austrians are engaged in this invasion. The west evidently has been drawn upon generously for reinforcements, but if von Hindenburg is held very long on the Bzura, more drafts will be necessary. This does not mean a large numerical reduction in the German strength in the west, for the places of the troops detached for service in the east are taken by reserves, composed chiefly of the rather young and the rather old. If the Germans cannot bring their Poland campaign to a successful outcome before the offensive of the allies in the west reaches its height they are lost, and it should be remembered that even if they took Warsaw they would scarcely have damaged Russia's military resources. It was not a Russian army but Russia that destroyed Napoleon. What von Bernhardi feared is taking place—a simultaneous attack upon Germany by France, Britain and Russia.

A new triple alliance, composed of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, is promised as the offspring of the conference held by the monarchs of those states. It is not Russia against whom such an alliance would be aimed, but rather

against Germany. The loss of Scandinavian and Danish shipping from the reckless sowing of mines by Germany in the Baltic and the outrageous freebooting seizure and confiscation of a score of Norwegian vessels, in spite of vigorous protest, have taxed the patience of the three small northern states to the breaking point. They see clearly that Germany, becoming more and more hemmed in, ultimately will strike blindly in all directions, indifferent to enemy and neutral alike, and together they are taking steps to put up a formidable resistance should their rights be trodden upon.

WHAT STOPPED IT.

A weekly paper which owes its continued existence to government advertising says: "It is not generally known that if there is no general election next spring, it will be because of the intervention of Sir Richard McBride." This will strike the uninitiated as somewhat cryptic, because it is not generally known that Sir Richard McBride runs the federal administration, for the reason mainly that he does not.

The paragraph, however, has a key. It lends color to the report that not long ago the Premier sent a telegram to Sir Robert Borden opposing a general election on the ground that in such a case British Columbia would be lost to the Conservative party. If Sir Richard dispatched such a message, which seems to be likely in the light of the subtle little hint we have quoted, he was very unwise in communicating the fact to even a subsidized eulogist.

But while it is quite true that if an election were held early next year—or any other time—British Columbia would be recorded in the lost column by both governments, may we point out that there is a broader ground than political expediency upon which the Premier might have based his opposition, the ground of patriotism. An election at this juncture would be not only a dishonorable fracture of a truce, but a treasonable attack upon that solidarity of the empire which to-day is its greatest glory. This has been pointed out to the government by influential elements in the east, headed by the powerful Montreal Star, while it is an open secret that His Royal Highness would be strongly averse to granting a dissolution. It is these considerations, not the protest of Sir Richard McBride, that are affecting the government attitude for the moment.

MAY HE LIVE.

The Kaiser is reported to be recovering and about to return to the front. The Providence to whom he attributes the praise for the butchery of little children evidently intends that he shall be preserved to make the last full explanation of his crimes against humanity. Just as Napoleon sought death on the field and by his own hand in vain to escape the mental torture which followed the downfall of his hopes, so may Wilhelm survive to witness the crowning failure of his handiwork.

This modern Nero who has made himself the chief protagonist of the ruthless doctrine of the crazy Treitschkes and von Bernhards; this murderous fanatic who, through a supine press, debauched a docile, unsophisticated people into believing that Germany's domination of the earth could be achieved only by violating every Divine law; this mattoide, who glories in the sheeling of the weak and helpless, should survive to face the wreck of his accursed system and the blasting of his devilish dreams.

Occasionally we hear a smug excuse for the royal pervert from some plutocratic tuft hunter. The emperor, they say, is not to blame. He is merely the victim of evil counselors. This is utterly false. Wilhelm II. has been the nightmare of the world ever since he came to the throne. He has bullied and humiliated, threatened slaughter, times without number. Both France and Russia he tried to dragon twice within the last seven years, while he was pleased to bestow his blessing upon Abdul Hamid, reeking with the blood of the butchered Armenians. He showered favors upon those paranoic preachers of murder and brute force who flourished in the German universities. He applied to the Emperor of the World, before he was removed from the scene. He could not delay longer for fear that the malady which killed his father might lay its hand upon him before he had overshadowed the fame and glory of that Frederick at whose shrine, stained with the memory of duplicity and cruelty, he worshipped. The crawling sycophants who still eulogize him point to the twenty-six years of peace which characterized his reign, but they disregard the competition of armaments and their hideous burden of taxation and misery and the fearful apprehension and uncertainty which accompanied it. Wilhelm II. wanted war for years, but not until he thought he had his enemy unawares did he dare to draw the sword he, so often rattled.

And he will pay—pay to the last cent and the most exquisite tinges of mental anguish for the horrible woe and devastation he has wrought. He and his house will be hurled into degraded

obscurity. His armament factories will be dismantled. Those ships, whose only victory lies in the bombardment of defenceless towns and the slaughter of babes and children—against every regulation of war or the elementary laws of humanity, will be destroyed. But his factories will be spared, the fate of Liege, Ypres and Lille, spared to operate for Belgium and France. Their operatives will remain in bondage, sweating from morning till night until the last cent of Germany's debt to those countries has been discharged. And may Wilhelm the Second live to see it all.

ANOTHER PEACE MOVEMENT.

The newspapers of the United States have heaped much ridicule upon the heads of Count von Bernstorff and Herr Herman Ridder, but the sayings and doings of these two apostles of kultur continue. They cannot be stopped. The Count and the Herr now have branched out in a new line, all their efforts to convince the American people of the justice and altruism of the German war lords having failed. They have inaugurated a new peace movement, and they have enlisted an American congressman of Teutonic parentage in their campaign. Herr Bartholdt is the name of this man, and the way in which he purposes forcing peace upon the warring powers is by forbidding by act of congress the export of arms and ammunition from the United States. Of course Mr. Bartholdt professes to be purely disinterested in this matter. He would not make any distinctions. He would forbid all powers alike from procuring munitions from the United States. But we may be sure that he is not unaware of the fact that already it is impossible for Germany or Austria or Turkey to import war supplies from the republic, because the allies control the seas and any contraband consigned to the nations of culture assuredly would be seized and used for other purposes than those intended. If the conditions were reversed it is not likely we should hear any such proposition as that laid down by Herr Bartholdt, acting on impulses initiated by Bernstorff and Ridder, the accredited agents of Germany in the United States. It is the business of the people of the United States, as it is of all neutrals, to sell its goods wherever it can find a market for them, leaving to the purchasers the task of taking care of them after they are bought. Thanks to the strength of the British navy, the allies can do that and are legitimately entitled to all the advantages it carries. Referring to Bartholdt's announcement that he will stump the country in support of his measure, the New York Sun says: "Civil discord and pecuniary injury; that is the peace which Mr. Bartholdt is doing his best to bring about in the United States."

KNEW IT WELL!

In the News-Advertiser's report of the Attorney-General's speech to his adherents in Vancouver ten days ago appeared this reference to the Dominion Trust Company: "There are, said the speaker, great ramifications and many legal difficulties to be encountered in the settlement of this estate. He said that he knew them well, for the company had been under investigation for a long time. It was, he said, an auditor of the department that started the last phase of the company. The department had an auditor in the company's office investigating its affairs, but it was apparently too late to do anything, for it was apparent that the company had been bankrupt for years."

"The new Trust Companies Act came into effect in March last, and soon after that the feeling that there was something wrong with this company was aroused in the department and we can only say that we stopped it before it might have been worse. There is a grave doubt as to the standing of the depositors. Some may be better than others. We hope to draft some legislation which will be for the benefit of them, and when this is done I think that they will admit that the government will have gone as far as it could to save them."

"We can readily believe that the Attorney-General knew the affairs of the company well. The firm of which he is the senior member were the company's solicitors and one of its members was a director. The Attorney-General must have known it had been taking deposits and juggling with trust funds and securities, but he sat back and made no move. His statement that after last March the department 'stopped it or it might have been worse' is sheer nonsense. The provisional liquidator pointed out that the most reckless manipulations were made by the managing director shortly before the crash in a vain effort to stave it off. What, then, did the department stop? Certainly not the taking of deposits, nor did it use its authority to compel the company to reimburse the depositors whom it should have protected. Certainly not speculation with trust funds, for much of this was done after last March. If it was 'apparent that the company had been bankrupt for years,' why did not the Attorney-General take action in the criminal courts against those responsible for the illegal course which produced that condition? During those years in which the company was bankrupt did not the Attorney-Gen-

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eral's firm point out to the chief manipulator that he was breaking the law? Why did not Mr. Bowser, even as late as March, make some effort to avert the catastrophe he saw was coming? He "knew the company's affairs well," yet he made no move to protect people whose moneys and estates were being gambled away! The whole thing is monstrous, a heinous travesty of justice.

And what of its effect upon our credit in Britain, where many of the victims live? The Times is informed on reliable authority that financial interests there are intensely indignant over the fact that the government made no effort to protect them in common with those of other shareholders and investors. We are absolutely convinced that we shall not regain their confidence until the outraged electors of this country kick into oblivion an administration under which such disgraceful affairs are possible. Meanwhile the case is one to which His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor might give his attention. How can he sustain as chief law officer of the province one who brazenly admits that he was aware that the company, of which his firm were solicitors, had been violating its powers and did not stop it? Is this dangerous, oblique absolutism to be tolerated? It was for much less that a first minister was retired from office by the Lieutenant-Governor of the day a few years ago.

Our contemporary says "uninformed opinion errs in the belief that there was anything in the nature of a 'drive' which forced the German squadron into the arms of Vice-Admiral Sturdee's command," a drive in which the battle cruiser Australia participated. We hope our oracular friend has forwarded its correction to the Right Hon. Winston Churchill. On December 12 the Colonist pointed on its front page a message of the First Lord of the Admiralty to the Japanese Minister of Marine, in which he said: "This event marks the conclusion of the active operations in which the Allied fleets have been engaged in the Pacific for four months. Though it has fallen to a British squadron in the South Atlantic to strike the final blow, it was largely owing to the powerful and untiring assistance rendered by the Japanese fleet that this has been achieved. Had the enemy turned west again the honors would have rested with the Japanese and Australian squadrons, moving forward in general combination." It is no detraction from the triumph of the British fleet to claim for the navy of our sister dominion some share in the preliminary strategy which resulted so gloriously. On the contrary, the whole operation lends lustre to the inspiring incident.

HARMONIOUS ALLIES.

The French, under Napoleon, used to fight for glory, glory of the nation if not of the individual; but glory, even more than ambition, is the last infirmity of a noble mind, and it may mislead a people to shed its blood for a shadow. There is some egotism in the pursuit, even, of national glory; but there is one in the spirit with which the French and all the allied armies are waging the war. And that is clear from the brotherhood that exists and increases between their troops and ours. There never has been a war in which allies have worked together so harmoniously for a common cause, in which they had so completely lost sight of their peculiar national interests for the sake of the common victory.

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MAY NOT USE LAKE

Ice on Ornamental Waters at Beacon Hill Forbidden to Skaters: Precautionary Measure.

With skating going on in earnest, a good deal of discussion has been provoked by the action of the parks-committee of the city council in stopping skating on the ornamental lake at Beacon Hill. The committee states that it cannot get police to protect the lake, that it is not safe for people to skate there, and that the city would be liable for damages in case of a fatal accident, the safest course is to break up the ice near the edges and prohibit all skating.

As a consequence of the committee's action there were numerous parties skating yesterday at various points round the city, Roger's pond, Carey road, the flooded meadows in Garden city, Thetis lake and Swan lake. For the first time, Humpback reservoir was in use, the soldiers posted along the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway track having some relaxation when off duty in using this fine sheet of water.

ESQUIMALT RIFLEMEN

Excellent Scores Being Made by Members of Association at the Miniature Range.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Includes J. McDonald (35), E. H. Beane (35), W. A. Gouley (31), W. A. Polberry (31), T. W. Allan (29), E. D. Pyrah (29), E. H. Pullen (29), J. S. McTavish (29), J. S. McAdam (29), A. Potts (29), A. R. Wolfenden (29), A. W. Greaves (29), S. Ellis (29), E. F. Matthews (29), T. Phipps (29), R. J. Grey (29), J. R. Butler (29), E. J. Bittencourt (27).

On Wednesday the first of a series of weekly spoon shoots was held at the range. In class A the highest score was made by J. McDonald, who put on a score of 34 points out of a possible 35. In class B the spoon was won by A. B. Beales with 32 points. The average in class A reached 32 points out of 35, a very creditable performance.

Cadets Get Commissions.—Fourteen gentlemen cadets of the Royal Military college, Kingston, have been granted their discharge in order to accept commissions in the permanent force. Six have been appointed to lieutenantcies in the Royal Canadian Dragoons, four in the Royal Canadian artillery, two in the Canadian ordnance corps and two in Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians).

BRIEF NEWS OF THE CITY

Wm. Stewart, Men's and Ladies' Tailor shop, Campbell building, corner Fort and Douglas streets.
Candy Thermometers at Blyth's, optician, Central building.
For Belgian Fund.—The sum of \$8.55 was donated on Saturday by the pupils of the South Park school towards the Belgian Relief fund.
Big Mail Arrives.—One hundred and seventy-one bags of newspapers, and thirty-four baskets of parcel post arrived in the city on Saturday from the British Isles.
Salaries Paid To-morrow.—By order-in-council passed by the Ottawa government, the salaries of all inside and outside civil servants for the month of December will be paid to-morrow.
Canadian Bar Association.—At the coming session of the Dominion parliament the Canadian Bar association will apply for an act of incorporation. The secretary of the association is E. Fabre, surveyor, K. C., Montreal.
Troops Inoculated.—Friday afternoon the left half of the 30th Battalion of the overseas force was inoculated against typhoid, and on Saturday the men were allowed to take things easily. A second inoculation for all hands will come a little later on.
Song Copyrighted.—A march song, "Rally Round," has been granted copyright by the department of agriculture at Ottawa. The words and music are by John F. Leonard, and the song is published by the Leonard, Ingle Publishing company, Salmon Arm, B. C.
Send-off to Lieut. Wheeler.—Regimental orders of the Lieutenant Governor and the National Reserve of Canada issued by Captain John Irving, who has been appointed adjutant, call a parade of the guard for Saturday afternoon next for the purpose of escorting Lieut. C. F. G. Wheeler, of the Ulster brigade of the new Irish army, to the Vancouver steamer on his way to join his regiment. Until receiving his commission Lieut. Wheeler was regimental sergeant-major of the guard.
Railway Application.—At the next session of the parliament of Canada the Athabasca, Grand Prairie and Peace River Railway company will apply for power to build a line from Brule, Alberta, on the lines of the G. T. P. and C. N. R., northeasterly to Grand Prairie and thence northwesterly to the terminus of the Pacific and Great Eastern railway in this province, and from Grand Prairie northerly to the Pacific, Peace River and Athabasca railway, crossing the Peace river near Dunvegan.
Wesley Epworth League.—A most enjoyable social was held by the Wesley Epworth league last Monday evening. An interesting musical programme was given, after which the Junior Epworth League members, together with some of the seniors, gave a laughable rendering of Mother Goose's Fables in the form of a shadow pantomime. Refreshments were served bringing to a close a most enjoyable evening. To-night Rev. Mr. Tate, missionary, will give an interesting talk on the Indians of British Columbia. The recently inaugurated membership contest is causing a great deal of enthusiasm. At the present time Miss Gawley's team is in the lead. The young people are looking for an addition of twenty-five to their number. The contest is to be terminated by a banquet.
Moon and Jupiter.—Many Victoria people noticed the unusually intimate (only apparent, however) association of the moon and Jupiter early last evening. The sight was one of peculiar and rare beauty. The moon changing her position in the heavens at the great rate that she did it was possible quite easily to see the change in the apparent positions of the two heavenly bodies, Jupiter, at one time at the very apex of the crescent, gradually swinging round the earth's satellite until it occupied the position of the star in the Turkish star and crescent. At the observatory on Gonzalez Hill Mr. Denison could see through the telescope two moons of Jupiter as well as that largest of the planets, of this universe itself, this being somewhat unique in itself owing to the brightness of the moon tending to dim all other rays of light.
Sepia's the last word in fine photography. Just the thing for Xmas presents. The Skeene-Love Studio, 654 Yates street, corner Douglas.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 21, 1889.

A leading builder said to-day that over 500 buildings have been erected in and around Victoria during the past year. He expects that next year between 500 and 600 buildings will be erected.
A contract has been awarded by the naval authorities for the extension of the wharf in the naval yard, Esquimalt, a distance of 40 feet from its present terminus, and also for the construction of the concrete foundation for a mammoth crane of 40 tons capacity. The contract was awarded to Charles Williams, the figures being about \$125,500.
It is reported to-day that the street cars will not commence to operate for six weeks.
A quantity of floating wreckage, supposed to be from the Idaho, was seen by Captain Gavin, of the Daisy, near Trial Island to-day. The Daisy was coming round with a scow of coal from Departure Bay.

Pocket Knives, 10c to \$1.75, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas St.

Fund for Institute.—The sum of \$40 was realized as the result of an entertainment given in St. Paul's church room on Tuesday last. These proceeds have been added to the fund of the Lanford Women's institute, inaugurated last July. Among the attractions were a Japanese tea-room, candy stall, Christmas tree and fortune-telling. A programme was given during the evening, consisting of songs and choruses.

Ninety-Nine Club.—The "99" club, a popular young people's social organization, will not hold its usual weekly dance the coming Friday night owing to the Christmas festivities. The club's next dance will be held a week from Friday, New Year's night, and arrangements are under way to make it one of the most enjoyable of the season. St. John's hall, Herald street, will be prettily decorated for the occasion, and the best of music will be provided. Dancing will start at 9.

Shelburne Street Assessment.—The adjourned court of revision on the Shelburne street extension will be held at the Royal Oak hall to-morrow afternoon, the adjournment having been taken to give those who protested against having to pay to the expropriation fund an opportunity to reconsider the position. The objection was based on the ground that the owners had given their own land on the understanding that no further call would be made upon them. Now because some owners were forcing expropriation proceedings, all would have to contribute a pro-rata share to the total cost.

New Miniature Range Opened.—The Civilian Miniature Rifle club opened a new range in the basement of the Jones block on Saturday afternoon. A good attendance was on hand for the opening shoot and many good scores were recorded, several of the members making the possible of 100 points on the half-inch bulls-eye at 25 yards. The range will be open every evening at 7:30 during the Christmas holidays for practice and receiving new members. A membership list, during the week between 10 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., will be in the hands of Stewart Clarke (Swinton) and Musgrave's office and at the range at 7:30 p. m.

Elks Elect Officers.—At a bumper meeting of Victoria lodge, No. 2, B. P. O. E., on Thursday evening, the following were elected as officers for the ensuing term: Exalted ruler, A. Peden; esteemed leading knight, Wm. Smith; esteemed loyal knight, D. W. Givens; secretary, F. C. Dillabough; treasurer, Wm. Stewart; esteemed knight, J. W. G. Marks; Tyler, W. G. Murry; three-year trustee, R. Downwell. The new officers expect a very successful year and are anticipating putting on what is termed all-over the states as an Elks county fair. A meeting is called for 8 p. m., to-morrow, to discuss this fair and it is expected that a large number of the members will be present.

Bible Class Federation.—The Victoria Adult Bible Class Federation held its monthly council meeting in the Y. W. C. A. building, last Wednesday. After some time had been spent on discussing the routine business of the federation, the attitude of the classes toward the "Imperial Sweepstakes" (theatre sweepstakes) was discussed. (It was the unanimous opinion that the attorney-general should enforce the full letter of the law in preventing any foisting of the old-time disgrace upon Victoria. Full and hearty support for the social service commission in its efforts to shorten the hours during which associations favourably known to the public, in m., was voiced. Each Bible class affiliated with the federation will be urged actively to support the signing of the petition and speakers will be sent to the various classes during the next fortnight.

Attractive Programme.—Another large audience greeted the Fifth Regiment band and its assisting artists at the Royal Victoria theatre last evening. The programme throughout was an attractive one and those present indicated their approval by applauding freely. "Good-Bye," as sung by Mrs. William Grant, was one of the features of the evening, her finished rendering of the popular composition "being" so well appreciated that an encore was called for. Mrs. Grant singing "Whispering Wheat." Mrs. W. A. Gleason, whose ability is not a new matter for Victoria audiences, was at her best in her reading of Henry Vandye's "The Lost Word." "Afton Waters," a solo by R. P. Douglas, was a pronounced success, the piece serving as a medium for Mr. Douglas to utilize a very fine tenor voice, excellently trained. Of the band numbers, the overture, "Poet and Peasant," was probably the best, though all were executed with precision and a form of expression which indicated the responsiveness of the musicians to Bandmaster Smith's baton. Other band numbers were the Soldiers' Chorus from "Faust," the march, "Celebrity," and "Reminiscences of Wales" (Godfrey).

TOYS THAT EDUCATE

A child's imagination is lively. It creates in miniature a world of its own. Wise parents take advantage of this in toy choosing. They select toys that have an educational value that stimulate the child's mind and keep it working in healthy channels. There are many such toys—for young and old, some of them so interesting that it will be hard to keep papa and grandpa from monopolizing them. Where to see them? At any of the good stores. And the way to the best store? Full directions, will usually be found in the advertising columns of the Times.

"POEMS OF ARMAGEDDON"

Collaboration of E. P. F. and A. M. W. Being Sold in Aid of Belgian Fund.

The twenty-four page booklet containing "Poems of Armageddon," the profits from the sale of which are to be given to the Belgian Relief fund has fallen among appreciative readers. Ordinarily books of verse have not a relatively high demand from the public, and the fact that these verses by comparatively little known authors have had such a sale is testimony to the quality of the lines and the appealing sentiment. Fittingly enough the dedication is indirect, and in verse, "Well done, Belgium," acknowledging the great example set the nation by the unflinching front presented by the little kingdom to the invading swarms. E. P. F. and A. M. W. are the collaborators who have contributed about an equal number of the fifteen poems of the collection, one of the very finest of which is that entitled "Greater Britain," by the former. Constructively it is something quite out of the ordinary, and many of the metaphors are powerfully expressive. A. M. W. displays a very fine affection for Canada in the succeeding poem, "O Canada, Beloved Land," which has a note of splendid optimism of the Dominion's destiny and those who are to accomplish it for Britannia's sake. The booklet is on sale at Terry's and Hibben's. The entire cost of the publication has been paid by the sales up to the present, and all the proceeds from now onwards will be given to the Belgian fund.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Major J. S. Tait to Command Vancouver's Highland Regiment; Independent Company at Nanaimo.

Major J. S. Tait, of the Seventy-second regiment, Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, has been promoted to rank of lieutenant-colonel, and appointed to command the regiment in the place of Lieut.-Col. R. E. G. Leckie, who has been seconded for service with the first Canadian contingent.

An independent company has been formed at Nanaimo, with Lieutenant E. E. Snider, from the corps of school cadet instructors, as lieutenant, and Alfred Vroom Hoyt as provisional lieutenant.

COUNTY COURT JUDGE ON INVESTMENTS.

The judge of the Hamilton county court gives the following opinion on investments: "Of all the assets of estates which 'come before me in the courts, the 'insurance policy is the only one that 'does not shrink. You all know how 'real estate and personal property, 'stocks and bonds and mortgages, 'shrink in value; how the financial 'depression has reduced the value of 'these investments as much as 50 per 'cent; but so far as I know, there has 'never been a case since I have been 'connected with the courts where an 'insurance policy which was a part 'of the assets of an estate has paid 'less than one hundred cents on the 'dollar, and this tells us that it is the 'safest and best provision or invest-' 'ment that can be made for the fam-' 'ily."

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Christmas Social.—Victoria Aerle, No. 12, will provide entertainment for its members, their wives and lady friends on Wednesday evening next. Dancing will be the order of the evening and special amusement will be provided in the way of a tombola drawing, when several valuable prizes will be given away. Ladies are requested to bring refreshments.



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Below we cite a few suggestions from our big stock. It is out of the question to do more than suggest what we can offer, but a half-hour spent here during the next day or so will repay you not alone in the solution of the gift problem but in money actually saved and in time pleasantly spent.

Table listing various musical instruments and their prices. Includes Autographs (\$4.00 to \$12.00), Accordions, Italian models (\$4.00 to \$12.00), Concertinas, English makes (\$5.00 to \$35.00), Cornets (\$12.50 to \$40.00), Clarinets (\$25.00 to \$40.00), Drums, snare and bass (\$10.00 to \$25.00), Flutes and Piccolos (\$2.25 to \$60.00), Guitars and Banjos (\$8.00 to \$90.00), Mandolins (Agents for Gibson) (\$6.50 to \$90.00), Music Folders, Rolls and Stencils, in seal, morocco and alligator and cowhide leathers, in latest designs. Rolls, 75c to \$5.00; Stencils, \$2.00 to \$14.00; Folders, \$3.00 to \$9.00; Violins and Cellos, \$5.00 to \$250.00; Violin Cases, \$2.00 to \$35.00; Music Boxes, \$5c to \$14.00; Band Instruments of All Kinds, \$15.00 to \$150.00; Phonograph Record Cabinets, \$10.00 to \$20.00; Player Roll Cabinets, \$15.00 to \$35.00; Edison Phonographs, \$39.00 to \$300.00; Edison Records, 65c to \$5.00; Columbia Grafonolas, \$20.00 to \$250.00; Columbia Records, 85c to \$7.50; Mendelssohn Pianos, \$290.00 to \$100.00; Gerhard Heintzman Pianos, \$450.00 to \$650.00; Nordheimer Pianos, \$450.00 to \$600.00; Steinway & Sons' Pianos, \$750.00 to \$1,200.00; Player-Pianos, \$550.00 to \$1,000.00.

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the city yesterday for Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Arliss.

FARNUM IN "VIRGINIAN." This evening, Tuesday and Wednesday the Famous Players film company will present Dustin Farnum in the "Virginian."

A MILLION IN JEWELS. The long-looked-for feature has at last arrived and will be shown at the Majestic theatre to-day and tomorrow.

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George Gray, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel while in the city.

Royal Victoria Theatre Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Dec. 21st, 22nd, 23rd.

George Arliss, the famous actor, left the city yesterday for Vancouver, accompanied by Mrs. Arliss.

EMPRESS HOTEL New Year's Eve Ball DECEMBER 31, 1914

Corbett a Real Actor. Many prize-fighters and baseball players have received fat salaries to exhibit themselves on the vaudeville stage for a few weeks after some big victory.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

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CANDIDATES QUALIFY Several in This Province Pass Civil Service Examinations Held Last Month.

MAN FROM AMSTERDAM TELLS OF CONDITIONS

Says Holland is Impoverished by Refugees and Cutting Off of Trade; Nation Under Arms

The general feeling in Holland is against Germany because of what she has done to Belgium, who is our very great friend.

The speaker was W. Haan, who arrived in Victoria this morning from Amsterdam, where he is a member of a great firm of bulb and palm exporters, with a large trade with the American continent.

In an interview with the Times at the Empress hotel this morning, the Hollandier showed how a little neutral country, perched close on the shoulders of the belligerent countries, can suffer nearly as much as the warring nations themselves.

"There is great distress and poverty in Holland," he said. "Our trade is practically gone. The diamond factories are all closed, as there is no export, no ship daring to take the chance of exporting diamonds over a mine-sewn sea. Our trade with Germany has of course slackened enormously, and the general result is that the country is in a very bad way."

In answer to a question, Mr. Haan stated that Holland was prepared for war at any moment. They were determined to maintain their neutrality as far as possible, but should one of the belligerent nations set foot in Holland they would meet with a warm reception. After stating that an army of 250,000 men kept under arms was continuously on the watch, the visitor made a surprising statement as to the manner in which Holland was defended.

"We have utilized," he began, "our natural advantages to the highest possible degree in the expectation of attack by an alien enemy. At all points where an enemy could cross into the country, we have of course preparations for flooding that territory. But not only that. Huge electric power houses have been placed at important points, and with the pulling of a lever, these same floods of water can in a moment be strongly charged with deadly currents of power, which would render the task of crossing by an armed force an absolute impossibility. This is Holland's great defence from invasion, and should the need arise she will use it to the utmost."

In crossing the North Sea Mr. Haan gave many interesting details of battleships keeping their sleepless guard over the coast, several being quite close to the Dutch and Belgian shores, Belgium, he says, is devastated beyond all imagining, because the people dared to hinder the Kaiser's legions in their march on Paris. The Dutch people regard King Albert as one of the finest of monarchs for his intense personal courage in remaining always, not only at the battle front, but on the actual firing line. Many Belgians, he says, have of course, been interned in Holland, along with other belligerents. Of these Mr. Haan says:

There are nearly a million soldiers and refugees now interned in my country. This has of course occasioned great distress, for it comes pretty hard on the government to have to feed all these people. The closing of the Scheldt by the Germans has also tightened trade up considerably, and in our own line we are no longer able to get over the bulbs and roots grown in Belgium."

The visitor has recently been in Germany, and he states emphatically that in almost every respect things are in their normal state. While Germany is by no means a self-sustaining country, he says that it has been preparing for this war so long that it was stocked well up for a long period and can last for years. Save for the question of trade, conditions, too, were normal within the Fatherland. It was significant, he remarked, that in the summer just before the war broke out, he saw great German forces carrying out manoeuvres close to the Belgian frontier.

Mr. Haan thinks Great Britain might have taken severer measures in closing the North Sea to prevent anything like the raid on the Hartlepool and Scarborough ever becoming a reality. He believes that Russia, if the allies are victorious, will be the great European nation of the future, especially if the bureaucracy allow the common people to take a more active share in the doings of the nation, and to educate themselves to a point where they become no longer machines, but thinking units of a mighty race.

A doctor found it necessary to remove one of his patients that if he did not give up drinking whisky it would shorten his life. "Think up!" said the man. "I am sure of it. If you stop drinking it will prolong your days." "Come to think of it, I believe you are right about that, doctor!" said the patient. "I went 24 hours without a drink six months ago, and I never put in such a long day in my life!"

WILL ATTEND BALL

Grand March Opening 50th Regiment Dance to Be Led by Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Coy.

The grand march which is to open the big ball to be held by the sergeant-major, staff sergeants and sergeants of the 50th regiment, Gordon Highlanders of Canada on the evening of December 30, will be led off by his honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Coy, and Lieut.-Colonel Coy and Mrs. Barnard. The event promises to be a huge success, many of the officers and prominent citizens having signified their intention of being present, while the public generally is showing great interest in the occasion.

One of the features of the dance, double tickets for which may be obtained for \$4 at Hibben's, Shortt, Hill & Duncan's, Campbell's drug store, Allen Fit Reform, Mullie's, or the Fit-Rite Clothing company, will be the decorations which are being undertaken by the Lady Douglas chapter, I. O. O. E., to whom the proceeds are being handed for the furtherance of relief work in the city. Mrs. McMicking, regent of the chapter, and Mesdames Coy and Bullen are taking active charge of the preparations in this respect, and something quite original and in keeping with the military character of the event may be anticipated.

ANTICIPATE CUT OF \$300,000 IN ESTIMATE

Figures for Departments Give Approximately Fifteen Per Cent Reduction

It is already practically assured that the civic estimates for 1915, as tentatively prepared, cannot possibly conform to the sanguine anticipations of the Civic Retrenchment association without further pruning. The public, apparently, does not realize that the city has no control over nearly half the total expenditure each year, about \$2,000,000 in round figures. Judging from a hurried examination of the various departmental changes, it is proposed to prune the million dollar, which is dealt with in detail in the committee's estimates, being expenditure apart from fixed charges, schools and police, by about \$300,000, or nearly one-third of the total vote for public works maintenance and salaries.

To ask the city to cut 25 per cent off its expenditure is equivalent to asking it to cut 50 per cent off the charges over which it has control. If the figures mentioned above are approximately followed, it is equivalent to a 15 per cent cut or a four mill increase in the dollar rate. While it is stated there are a few items in the tentative estimates which will undoubtedly be eliminated on consideration of the estimates committee, to reach a larger cut than 15 per cent, the council will be forced to the question of salary reduction. Many of the officials are already speculating on the attitude of the next council toward that issue.

Salary reductions are not easy things to adjust when professional men are concerned, as the Vancouver city council found last week with City Solicitor Hay, when he summarily resigned as a result of aldermanic representations on that score.

Next year there will have to be money set aside for the expected shortage in local improvement taxes, and it will be impossible to take the over-payments on sinking funds again for another year to make up the deficit, as is being done this year.

The municipal councils are unfortunately placed as regards taxation. Whatever happens, the school boards have first call on the public treasury and whatever delinquency there may be in tax payments, the cash has to be found for the school boards. Thus the municipal councils must go short, if shortage should exist. If, as was the case this year, \$70 in every \$100 assessed is collected, and the board requires \$200,000, there will be a shortage of \$30,000 in taxes thus would have to be met by taking money from other funds.

Officials say that the Retrenchment association should turn its attention now to the school board.

At a trial in Baltimore a negro was on the witness stand. He testified that a man who had been knocked down lay on the ground five minutes, and the opposing lawyer questioned the statement. To test the accuracy of the witness he took out his own watch, and asked the darkey to tell him when five minutes was up. The negro told him correctly. As he was leaving, the court-room the lawyer caught up with him. "Henry," he said, "I'll forgive you if you'll tell me how you did it." "I just figured it out," said the darkey. "Figured it out?" "Yes, sah; by de clock on de wall behind yo'."

ROUTINE SUBJECTS FOR COUNCIL TO-NIGHT

Complaint About City Jail to Be Voiced; Progress on Sooke Waterworks

Many matters, apparently none of them controversial, will engage the attention of the city council this evening. Arrangements will be made for the nomination and poll for the annual election. A resolution will be adopted legalizing the signature of W. B. Fisher as acting comptroller during the absence last week of the city comptroller.

The 88th Fusiliers' officers have laid an objection to the condition of the city jail, having had to send prisoners there when the detention quarters at Work Point barracks were overflowing. They ask the council to remedy conditions. The statements made in the letter will call for inquiry.

The school board estimate will be introduced to the members of the city council in addition to the lists already in. Some further allusion will be made to the printing contracts, objections being taken by a non-union firm to being left outside the contractors doing city work. There is a resolution on the books requiring the union label. The objecting firm declares it underbid the others.

City Solicitor Robertson states that he will report on the claim of ex-Alderman Gleason for damages. He will also give the council a reminder about the slowness of the department at Ottawa to which have been sent by the city applications for registration as street-and-owners. The solicitor wishes the matter to be taken up with the city's Ottawa agents.

The water commissioner states that the Burrard Engineering company will not complete the manufacture of steel pressure pipe at Thetis Cove till next week. It had been hoped that the work would be finished before Christmas, but there have been delays which will force postponement till next week. Water will be available from Humpback reservoir at the end of the month. Mr. Rust says that there will be enough water from the creeks running into the basin to carry the city for about two and a half months. Then, by draining off part of the reservoir supply, which is now at its maximum, and supplementing it by water from Goldstream, the city should be able to carry itself till July, by which time the Sooke Lake waterworks should be connected up by the completion of the flow line. There has not been any concrete pipe laid for some days on account of the alterations at the Cooper's Cove yard, but a resumption of operations is expected shortly.

SUSPEND LICENSE

Pandora Hotel Case is Dealt With by Commissioners; Closed for Six Months.

The license commissioners this afternoon suspended the license of the Pandora hotel for six months and indicated that no license would be granted till a few terms in the tentative estimates which will undoubtedly be eliminated on consideration of the estimates committee, to reach a larger cut than 15 per cent, the council will be forced to the question of salary reduction.

On the motion of J. A. Aikman, for Albert Quagliotti, the license, the court extended ten days' leave to the occupant to dispose of his broken stock.

There have been two convictions against the house, the license of which was suspended for a short time in 1912 following a conviction, which was quashed on appeal.

The suspension will date from January 1 to June 30. Mr. Aikman stated that a new license would be found as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

Special Numbers at Centennial Methodist Church Yesterday; Helpers for Needy.

A very special musical programme was given yesterday morning and evening in connection with the Sunday services at Centennial Methodist church. The hymns were all of a character suitable to Christmas, in the morning being "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come," "Hark, the Glad Sound," "The Saviour Comes," and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," with "Tours" anthem, splendidly rendered by the choir. "Sing, O Heavens." In the evening the hymns were "Angels From the Realms of Glory," "I Came Upon the Midnight Clear" and "Jesus, Thou Joy." The choir gave a very pleasing rendering of "Thus Spake the Lord of Hosts," and Miss Lillian Palmer sang as a solo, "The Holy City."

Gordons Limited advertisement for Christmas gifts, featuring a list of suggestions for ladies and children, and various gift categories like handkerchiefs, umbrellas, and furs.

Shop Early and Buy in Victoria... advertisement for Wescott's, featuring a list of useful gifts for all ages and a large advertisement for Santal Midy medicine.

Useful Gifts For All Are Here advertisement for Wescott's, listing various gift items like dresses, neckwear, and umbrellas.

Victoria Advertising Service advertisement, offering advertising services and listing contact information.

WILLOWS CAMP BRANCH OF Y. M. C. A.



This building was completed last week and was formally opened on Wednesday night. It is a structure of 130x30 ft., and will furnish recreation and other facilities for the soldiers in camp.

CHRISTMAS CHEER TO BE CARRIED TO ALL

Various Institutions in City Putting Forth Special Effort for Happy Day

Although all through the empire during the past four months and more the citizens have been making particular and strenuous effort on behalf of those who have suffered directly or indirectly through the war, there is hardly a single charitable institution or private subscriber to such who is not putting out a special effort at the present time to insure some particular celebration of Christmas day among all the people of the land.

At this season of the year it is of the little children particularly that one thinks, and there is a very wide and general effort to give all the small folks as happy a time as possible. It is with this end in view that hamper are being filled up by ever so many of the philanthropic societies of the city, as well as by smaller groups of kindly people who are ever awake to the needs of the poor.

There is first of all the Friendly Help Society which carries on throughout the year an organized system of relief for people who are out of work with dependent families. When Christmas comes the members know at once of dozens and dozens who would be absolutely without Christmas cheer if it were not for their kind ministrations. For years they have done a splendid work in distributing wisely for citizens whose time is taken up with other businesses but who are only too glad to give what they can to some person who knows exactly where the money is most needed.

The institutions especially designed for the care and protection of children will have some sort of celebration as usual. At the Protestant Orphanage there will be decoration to remind the little people a few days in advance of the approaching day, which is to be characterized, as usual, by the Christmas dinner an event to be as memorable as all such feasts are when carried out under the direction of a good cook who knows just what special savories and sweets appeal to the youthful appetite.

The boys at the Children's Aid society will hang up their stockings on Christmas Eve, and one has only to listen to the wonderful things found tucked in the toes in past seasons to imagine the interest which Santa is going to take in the same boys this year. Most of the lads will go home for Christmas Day, this being the custom of the home.

The tiny homes at the Victoria Day Nursery will have the joy of seeing a Christmas tree decked out in all the

gality of tradition, and many will experience for the first time in their lives the joy of so wonderful a sight. For there are little tots whose mothers have to work even on Christmas Day, and the home is for these a veritable haven. Four or five, in fact, live at the nursery entirely, and its hearthside is the only one they know.

There is another haven, in one sense under rather adverse circumstances. About one hundred men are expected, and in the evening a concert will be given. There is another splendid body of men—add women—which gives an interestingly of time and talent for the happiness of others. This is the Salvation Army, which finds greater room for its services than ever before.

Nothing definite has as yet been arranged in connection with the celebration at the provincial jail, but no doubt the government will make it possible for the usual programme to be carried out. The new building is much more luxurious than the old, and the facilities for entertainment much better. Of course these are not all. There are all those other organizations which have taken up special work this year in view of the war, others which were organized specially to care for the families of soldiers and sailors.

At prayer meeting a good old brother stood up and said he was glad to give the following testimony:—"My wife and I," he said, "started in life with hardly a cent in the world. We began at the lowest round of the ladder, but the Lord has been good to us and we have worked up—we have prospered. We bought a little farm and raised good crops. We have a good home and a nice family of children, and," he added with much emphasis, "I am the head of that family." After he sat down his wife promptly arose to corroborate all that he had said. She said that they had started in life with hardly a cent, the Lord had been good to them, and they had prospered; they did have a farm and good crops, and it was true they did have a fine family of children.

Men with money can always do a great deal to make other people happy. A cheque in favor of the Y. M. C. A. for that institution to throw open its table on Christmas Day for men away from home. There are plenty of men who would be only too delighted to assist in the preparations if the association called upon them. As it is, there will be a special breakfast for the dormitory men on Christmas morning, and during the day there will be some kind of programme which is being designed by the several departments of the association.

Christmas dinner at the Y. W. C. A. is, as in former years, to be open to all young women in the city who are not going to spend the day with friends. The repast will be served at 1 o'clock, to be followed by an informal social dinner, to which everyone is invited. Even those who cannot attend the dinner are asked to come at the later hour, and to share in the gaieties

MEETINGS

Public Dance.—A public dance will be held to-morrow evening at Temple's hall, Victoria West.

Florence Nightingale Chapter.—The Florence Nightingale chapter will be in charge of the L. O. D. E. headquarters, Temple building, to-morrow, when members are expected to bring their sewing.

Saanich Ratepayers.—A public meeting of Ward II, Saanich Ratepayers' association, will be held in St. Mark's hall, Bolekine road, on Wednesday at 8 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the council and candidates for school trustees. A large attendance of ratepayers is invited.

Christmas Social.—This evening at 8 the Young People's society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church will hold a Christmas social in the lecture room of the church. A splendid Christmas programme has been arranged. It includes games, songs, and other numbers. During the evening refreshments will be served.

Gonzales Chapter.—All members of the Gonzales chapter I. O. D. E. who wish to help with the decoration of the Christmas tree are asked to be present at the Alexandra club to-morrow afternoon and Wednesday morning, and all contributions of cakes, sweets, and crackers, should be brought in not later than Tuesday morning.

Ladies of Magabees.—Victoria Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Magabees, will convene for the regular review to be held on Thursday at 7.30 p. m., for the election of officers. A social and dance will be held at 9 o'clock. Members are asked to take refreshments. Heaton's orchestra will supply the music for the dancing.

St. Paul's Brotherhood.—The weekly meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul's—Presbyterian church—Victoria West, will be held in the annex to-morrow at 8 p. m. An interesting discussion bearing on the European war will take place. All men are cordially invited.

American Society.—The American society will hold its semi-monthly meeting at the Odd Fellows' hall to-morrow evening. Members, and those desiring to become members are invited to attend. Dr. Butler will deliver a lecture on "The Alchemy of Cheer."

Will Help Needy.—Next Wednesday night, December 23rd, the Fairfield Methodist Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas entertainment. An attractive programme has been prepared, and will be given by the members of the school. Santa Claus will put in an appearance during the course of the evening. The Sunday school has decided to provide fifteen Christmas dinners for needy families. With this end in view the members of the school have been asked to bring gifts. The admission to the entertainment will be: For adults, five potatoes; for children, one apple. A collection will also be taken. Everybody is invited.

Voters' League.—The Voters' League will hold a meeting to-morrow evening for the purpose of considering the annual municipal election. It is largely dependent on there being any retirement from the present council whether the league will contest the seats at the aldermanic board. If there is to be an election by acclamation the body will not force the expenditure of public money in a contested election; but if there is to be a contest there is no shortage of available material and the league will support some candidates. The number of vacancies on the school board is such as to invite a contest and probably there will be some nomination made on behalf of the league.

Cantata for Christmas.—The humorous Christmas cantata, "Santa's Little Boy" will be the feature of the annual entertainment of the First Baptist Sunday school to be held to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock. Members of the school are this year bringing gifts for Christmas instead of receiving gifts. A committee has been appointed to take charge of the distribution of gifts to the needy families on Christmas eve. A large attendance of parents and friends is looked for. The programme of the entertainment promises many interesting features, Christmas carols, choruses, solos and exercises to be given in the course of the cantata. Those who are to take part include Fraser McDougal, Miss E. McGeehan, Harry Zedek, Miss Florence McMillan, Louis Beckwith, Mar Dinsdale, Veva Keown, Margery Beckwith, Ines Gonnesson, Grace Beckwith, Colin Campbell, Fred Bailey, Kenneth Waites and Horace Paul.

"Did the play have a happy ending?" "Yes," he said. "Some one in the gallery hit the villain square in the face with a tomato."

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Enjoyable Event Held at Duncan; Features of Programme

A most successful concert was held in Duncan in aid of the Belgian food fund by the pupils of "The Cliffs Private School."

The first of these tableaux represented the motherland and the colonies beautifully depicted by the younger children. Britain, Belgium and France formed a pretty picture, the parts being excellently taken by Miss Kathleen Whitmore, Miss Gladys Lomas and Miss Mary Waldron, respectively, and a most original idea was presented by Canada and the nine provinces.

A miniature "Admiral Jellicoe," in the person of "ree" Jack Musgrave, evoked a great deal of applause. "Admiral Jellicoe," in command of a picturesque crew of bluejackets, looked every inch capable of shouldering his great responsibility. This was followed by "Little Buttercup," from H. M. S. Pinafore, with a quaint little dance, in which the feminine midshipmen were indeed not shy. The tableaux were interspersed with patriotic songs, of which "Canada," by Robert Musgrave, and "Let Me Like a Soldier Fall," by Charles Johnston, were much appreciated.

One of the most heartily-applauded events of the evening was a Grecian dance, "Humoresque," by Miss Molly Curnae, of Chemainus. The young artist showed great talent and her dancing would have done credit to a much older performer. The second half of the programme consisted of a one-act play, "Cupid in War Time," excellently carried out by Mrs. Reid as Mrs. Smith; Miss Grace Stephens as Miss Lettice Smith; and Robert Musgrave as Captain Brown. Besides the feeling of thorough enjoyment, one conclusion was unanimous, this being a general thankfulness that "Miss Brown" does not provide shirts for all the soldiers.

The performance was concluded with a jolly dance, in which grown-ups and children participated alike. Owing to counter attractions there was not such a good attendance as had been expected, but no doubt if it had been known what a great treat was in store, there would have been still a greater sum to aid Britain's suffering, plucky little ally.

TO MEET TO-MORROW

School Board Will Consider Request of Handicraft School Committee.

The proposal which the city school board is asked to endorse to-morrow afternoon is one which is expected to gain the approval of the public because the work of a handicraft school naturally falls within the scope of an educational body. Something of the kind would doubtless have been attempted in connection with the "Art" course at the city night schools, but that the board decided not to inaugurate classes which would involve an expenditure on additional equipment. As the handicraft school of the Island Arts and Crafts club has already the necessary equipment, which can be moved into the building, the trustees are not asked to assume any financial responsibility. Besides, the handicraft school has funds on hand. Doubtless the same charge would be made as is now made for similar courses at the night school to cover operating expenses.

The school was not opened this fall on account of war conditions, the date being postponed till January. Last term there were about 25 pupils taking the course, and doubtless it would not be difficult to increase that total at the High school. It is stated that Inspector Kyle, organizer of technical instruction, strongly supports the proposal, as it would systematize a course of instruction which he takes the deepest interest. The usefulness of an expensive building like the High school will not be fully realized till the board concentrates in it all these individual efforts towards education advancement.

The work of the handicraft school is held to be a necessary part of the syllabus planned for the city school of design, in which the curriculum was laid down to give instruction in drawing and the decorative arts for people engaged in industrial work.

A Time and Money Saver—The 25c Merchants' Lunch, at the Blanshard Inn, next Public Library.

OUR LETTER BOX

Letters for publication in Daily Times must be received at the Times Office not later than the day before the day of publication. When received later they will be held over until the following day.

While unobjectionable anonymous communications will be published, the name and address of every writer of such letters must be given to the editor.

POULTRY PROFITS.

To the Editor:—A few days ago I noticed in the columns of the Times an interesting statement re the profit derived from the poultry competing in last season's egg-laying competition.

A point in connection with that contest which should be remembered is that these hens had the constant and unremitting attention of one man. Another point is with reference to the cost of the feed. Was the feed purchased at the usual retail price quoted at our city feed-stores or at a cartload lot figure, which can be laid down in Victoria, I believe, at roughly two-thirds of the dealers' price, purchaser providing his own sacks and haulage?

I think absolutely full details should be given of any experiments, so that no one will make any mistake in thinking that poultry can be kept more cheaply here than can be done. It is a most suitable country for raising chickens, but the feed is almost prohibitive. Wheat retails at about \$2.25 per 100 lbs.; barley, \$2; whole corn, \$2.25 to \$2.35; and so on. Eggs sell well here in the winter time, 65 cents per dozen for the real home article, and this pays, but when they get to 25 cents there is no profit with wheat at 24 cents per pound. A hen soon eats one pound of grain.

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COL. THOMSON'S JOB.

To the Editor: I, with many others, commend the stand you are taking in regard to the enormous salary paid Col. Thomson for engineering work in Strathcona park. We are regaled from day to day with letters and pleas (notably Hon. Dr. Young and R. F. Green) to spend our money in Victoria. This is quite right. But why should not Sir R. McBride set an example and see that Victoria money is paid to British-Canadians or even ally workers. The Americans have avowed themselves to be "excessively neutral." Should not our government in this very trying time of war and distress show themselves to be "excessively patriotic" and give employment first to those of our own race. Numerous cases can be quoted where capable Britishers and Canadians who have raised and educated large families in the province and have been turned down in favor of American firms. It is the same with hospital work. We are called upon to subscribe out of meagre salaries to support the worthy institution when an American architect is called in and with his workmen comes off what should belong to Victoria. The salary paid Col. Thomson would keep in comfort fifteen families. If this money were expended on opening adjacent farm lands instead of encouraging vandalism in Nature's beautiful park, the double purpose would be served in giving work to unemployed and providing produce for the lean years that must come while our men are at the front. Let Sir Richard practice this economy now. The people will soon fall in line and buy here and also educate their children in Canada instead of the United States.

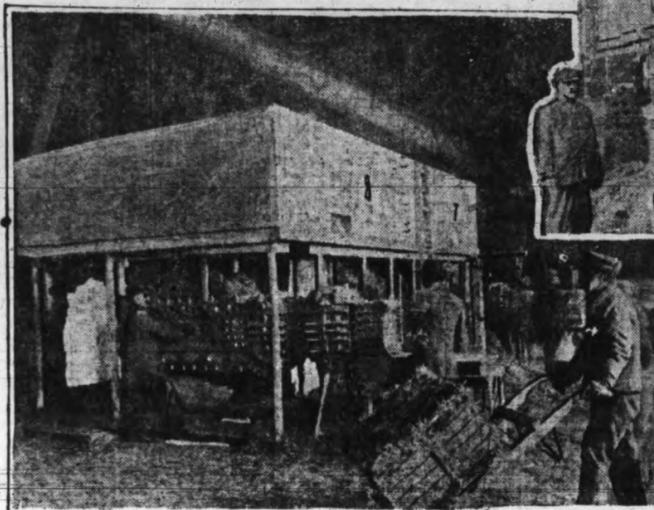
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THE LONELINESS OF GERMANY?

To the Editor: I have just read with very deep interest the mystery-written article which appears under the above heading in this evening's edition of your very valuable paper, and am bound to confess that until now I have never clearly understood the ignominy which Germany is playing in the eyes of the world, yet the very noble part which her opponents, ourselves included, are playing in the great cause of justice and civilization. Your very able correspondent J. J. M., has handled his subject in a manner only too clear and forcible to admit of comment on the part of anyone less able to deal with it, but I hope I will be pardoned for quoting two extracts from his article, which I consider are not only beautiful, figurative but which, in my humble opinion, seems to sum up the Alpha and Omega of the present disastrous war. In the course of his remarks he says: "She (referring to Germany) has never possessed the divine gift of being able to laugh at herself." And, again, "Germany now stands alone, without a friend among the civilized nations. That is why she is regarded, the wide world over, as a mad dog which must be muzzled or chained at any cost." In the former extract he explains in a mere few words the cause of the whole trouble, and in the latter he hits the nail on the head by pointing out, in another few simple words, the only effect of the existing struggle, which will

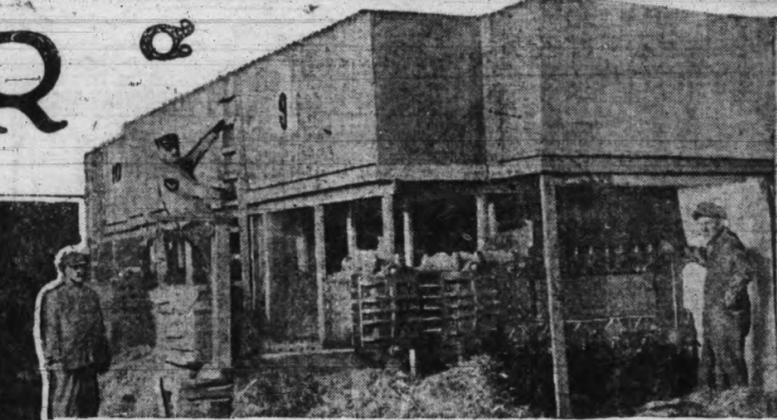
FOOD for the HORSES in the WAR



THE PRESSES ARE KEPT BUSY DAY & NIGHT

WHEN on the declaration of war the Canadian Government was asked by the Imperial Government to supervise the purchase and transport of commissariat supplies which Canada could provide for the Expeditionary Force in France, Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works was the minister selected to take charge of this responsible work. It was obvious to so practical a man as Mr. Rogers that the handling of such large orders as were in sight must be done by experienced transport officials, and, among others, he consulted Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Sir Thomas considered it a patriotic duty to place at Mr. Rogers' disposal, without cost to the Canadian Government, the services of Mr. A. H. Harris, special traffic representative of the C.P.R. together with such of the company's staff as Mr. Harris might select for purposes of administration. As this staff eventually numbered nearly twenty picked men, the value of the offer was considerable, and its acceptance by the Canadian Government has given the British War Office an efficient service and saved a large sum of money.

The value of expert handling was demonstrated by the prompt chartering of vessels on a minimum charter rate, enabling the administration to maintain an average freight on oats during the past three months of 25 cents per hundred pounds, and \$7.50 per gross ton on hay. Although owing to the scarcity of tonnage, freight rates have risen rapidly since September, five vessels have cleared from Montreal for a French port during the past ten days, the charter parties averaging 38 cents per 100 pounds on oats and \$8.00 on hay, a saving of close to 56 per cent. on current commercial rates. In addition to this the C.P.R. has made no charge for use of its docks by the chartered vessels and has warehoused everything free—being helped in this generous treatment by the Allan Line, which also placed portions of its sheds at the disposal of the Government. Over 600,000 sacks have been stored in and passed through C.P.R. sheds, and in addition, vast quantities of sacked oats were piled in the upper sections of the C.P.R. dock warehouses and subsequently loaded into chartered vessels consigned to French ports of call. The Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta Governments, received the same generous treatment in connection with the forwarding of their gifts. The shipments handled by this administration from September 1st to date, including flour, war office supplies, and French army blankets, total the enormous figure of 120,000 tons of freight free of storage, dockage, or steamship demurrage charges. The rapidity with which supplies went forward was shown in a recent cable from England to "go slow" as they were arriving too fast to be properly handled. In fact, a record has been established which it will take a long time to beat, and those concerned have come in for well-merited congratulations. The season of St. Lawrence navigation having closed, war office supplies will continue to be forwarded during the winter months via the Maritime Province ports.



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Music Cabinet—Mahogany finished cabinet with beveled plate mirror. Regular \$11. Sale price \$9.35.
Parlor Table—Handsome Round Quarter-Cut Oak Table, golden finish, low priced. Sale price \$7.60.
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interst I would suggest that he be asked to resign his position till the public is satisfied your article is untrue. It is the duty of all Conservatives to see to this, because I maintain that if this stigma is allowed to rest upon one of our leaders then it rests upon all true Conservatives, and I refuse to be one among many others who will stand by. In your article of Dec. 15, G. H. Cowan, K. C., a member of the same profession, states: "I fear only failure to do my duty in this matter. The investigations I have made into this concern have exposed a perfect labyrinth of thievery and robbery. I want good men with me who will do this duty. Give me time and I will bring them to book." Further comment at present is useless. JOHN DAY. 880 Madison St. In 1539 oranges were first imported into England from Italy.

SPORTING NEWS

TRAVELLING BAGS FOR CHAMPIONS LOCAL SEVENS' SLASHING WORKOUT

Team May Be Changed for Portland Game; Vancouver Here Next Week.

Handsome travelling bags, with the initials of the recipient lettered in gold upon the tag, were presented to Victoria's hockey champions at the arena on Saturday night, as the gift of the citizens of the capital. The hockey fund, which was started last spring, was not completed until a few days ago, and the committee in charge decided to give the P. C. H. A. title holders travelling bags. These were supplied by Shortt, Hill and Duncan, a special order being placed for the champions. Charlie Burnett handled the presentation in a very capable manner.

"No rest for the weary" is a sign that is hanging out at the Victoria Hockey club training quarters these days for the champions are sore, yet they are good and sore, for two weeks ago in a row is more than the P. C. H. A. title holders expected. On Saturday night Manager Patrick put his ice dogs through a stiff workout against an all-star amateur septette, and the champs. showed a nice return to their old-time form. They could have handed the Simon-Pure aggregation a few goals and then beat them easily, for the local pilot did not let up on his squad for a minute. He insisted

that the players give him everything that they had in the hockey line, and it was a pretty tired troop of athletes who hiked for the rubbing bench when the skating gong changed.

Checking back and boring in on the nets have been two of the missing factors in the work of the Victoria club, and they will be improved at once of the management will know Manager Patrick expects better results, seeing that Vancouver has a greatly changed team and Portland also has a weakened aggregation. The loss of Walter Small as a regular at right wing has weakened the local squad in their games away from home, because even though Small did not startle the world with his goal setting, he was always good for a score in a pinch, and then his back checking helped out mightily. Bobby Rowe will likely break into the game at Portland next Saturday night as a regular, for the Barrie youth is stepping along at top speed, and hard checking is what will beat the Portland team, despite their great advantage in speed. Tickets for the Vancouver game here a week from to-morrow night will be placed on sale on Thursday at the Elit-Rite parlors. The Vancouver team has won three games in a row, including two wins over the Portland septette. Capt. Griffiths figures that he has a championship squad in this season's Millonaires, so that it is up to the locals to take a fall out of the terminals.

JACKSON'S LEAD IN SENIOR DIVISION

Thistles, With Patched Up Team, Held Albert Head Eleven to Single Score

Senior Results.

Sir John Jackson, 1; Thistles, 6.
League Standing.
P. W. L. D. Pts.
Sir John Jackson..... 7 5 2 0 19
Victoria West..... 6 3 2 1 7
Thistles..... 5 7 1 3 3

Intermediate Results.

Victoria West, 3; Civic Service, 2.
Oak Bay, 2; Empires, 1.
Fairfields, 1; C. P. R., 2.

League Standing.

P. W. L. D. Pts.
C. P. R..... 5 2 0 0 16
Victoria West..... 5 5 0 12
Empires..... 8 5 2 1 11
Civic Service..... 9 3 5 1 7
Oak Bay..... 10 2 6 2 6
Fairfields..... 9 1 6 2 4

Junior Results.

Victoria West, 6; High School, 0.
North Ward won from Y. M. C. A. by default.

League Standing.

P. W. L. D. Pts.
North Ward..... 6 5 1 0 19
Victoria West..... 6 5 1 0 19
High School..... 6 2 4 0 4
Y. M. C. A..... 6 0 6 0 0

Thistles were eliminated from the V. F. A. championship on Saturday at Beacon Hill, when the Sir John Jackson eleven scored the only goal of a hard-fought match, the Thistles being unable to break into the summary. The Albert Head eleven put up a magnificent exhibition all through the contest and the Thistles must also be given full credit for their game struggle. The teams were evenly matched, but the better team work and possibly shooting of the winners, gave them the deciding edge. A good crowd turned out to witness the game and as a result of their victory, the Albert Head team are strong favorites for both the city championship and the Peden cup. Only eight Thistle players took the

GREATEST HOCKEY STAR NOW AT WAR

ALLAN DAVIDSON

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—"The best hockey player in Canada won't be playing this winter, and I don't mean Art Ross," was the summary of a statement made by Coach Alf Smith of the Ottawa Hockey club, who styles Allan Davidson, the big wing man of last year's Toronto team as the best player in the game.

Smith claims Davidson did the most effective skating of any player in the N. H. A. last winter, and a host of the hockey fans of the capital agree with him.

This season Smith picks Eddie Gerard to fill Davidson's place in the Canadian hockey world. Gerard, at the first practice of the Ottawa team on Monday night, was checked heavily into the boards and received injuries to his shoulder that will keep him out of the game for nearly a week.

The Ottawa club has not yet signed up any players. Shore declines a salary cut and would like to figure in a trade to one of the other N. H. A. clubs.

CORBETT TO LOOK OVER LOCAL CARD

Vancouver Island A. A. Has a Splendid Card for Wednesday's Tourney

James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion of the world, who is performing at the Pantages theatre this week, will be a guest of the V. I. A. A. tournament Wednesday evening. Manager Davies, of the Vancouver Island club, will make an effort to have Gentleman Jim referee the main event.

Wednesday night's tourney is easily the best programme that could possibly be arranged. Eight bouts have already been assured, and Manager Davies expects to have at least twelve boxing competitions. The latest event to be added to the programme is a football by two members of the 8th Fusiliers Regiment, Corporal Manders vs. Private Cooper. This should be a very interesting bill. Bayonet exercises by members of the 8th Fusiliers, Corporal Manders, Sergt. Chambers, Private Cooper and Corporal Henderson, should be the feature event of the night's performance.

Two more boxing entries have been received from members of the overseas contingent. Corporal Manders, of the 8th Fusiliers, is anxious to meet any 145-pounder whom Billy Davies cares to name, and Private J. S. Smith, a big husky heavyweight of the 8th battalion, is also anxious to compete.

No word has been received from Scotty McKay for a few days as to whether he would meet Jim Stewart, of the Sir John Jackson club, but the sturdy little Scot assured Davies that he would be on hand when the latter approached him a week or so ago.

Sam Duffy is putting the Sir John Jackson entries into trim for the tournament and plans to sweep everything. At the recent tourney at the drill hall they captured three out of four events they entered, but this occasion they are confident of making a clean sweep. The following programme has been arranged to date:

Boxing.
145 lbs.—Corporal Manders, 8th Fusiliers, vs. winner of James-Cropper bout; Private J. S. Smith vs. yet to be selected.
135 lbs.—W. Stewart, Sir J. Jackson A. C., vs. Scotty McKay, V. I. A. A., B. C. champion.
115 lbs.—Al Davies, V. I. A. A., vs. George Ross, Van. Com. A. C., B. C. champion.
145 lbs.—W. James, Sir J. Jackson A. C., vs. Scott Cropper, V. I. A. A.
130 lbs.—Ganmitus Jackson, V. I. A. A., vs. N. H. McDiarmid, V. I. A. A.
125 lbs.—Jack Larigan, V. I. A. A., vs. S. James, Sir J. Jackson A. C.
115 lbs.—Private William Speddon, Fusiliers, vs. R. Baker, V. I. A. A.
108 lbs.—Guy Martin, V. I. A. A., vs. N. McLellan, V. I. A. A.
125 lbs.—Scott Cropper, V. I. A. A., vs. Art Swales, Vancouver A. C.

Tickets for Wednesday night's bout will be placed on sale to-morrow at the Empire Realty Co., Fort street. All members of the Vancouver Island A. A. are requested to attend the annual meeting of the club to-night, commencing at 8.30 o'clock.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

International Rugby in the Wind.

With Tacoma asking for an exhibition of English Rugby, there is a strong possibility that before long Victorians will have the pleasure of witnessing a real international Rugby league in which Seattle and Tacoma will be active participants. The University of Washington will hesitate quite a bit before they will ever consent to dropping American Rugby, but there is room for the two games at such an institution of that size, and English Rugby, if properly introduced, will make a big hit in that town. California universities are sticking by the old country game, despite the campaign to have it abolished, and with Victoria and Vancouver eager for the international games, the Tacoma offer is most timely.

Portland Have the Championship Material.

They say that the Philadelphia Nationals should have won the National League pennant in 1913, but for punk leadership. Manager Peter Muldoon, of the Portland Hockey club, is up against a similar proposition as that which faced Charlie Dooin. Muldoon has a grand collection of hockey stars, individually, but that Portland bunch were never very smooth when it came to team play. At that, however, the Rosebuds look the team to beat this season, and unless accidents break up the regular squad Muldoon should about cop the honors this year. A winner would be made welcome in Portland, for the world's series come to the coast this season and the Rosebuds would pack their arena for every game with the eastern champions.

Christmas Hints That Are Timely.

Don't give a pest a pair of boots, just kick him once.
Don't give a necktie and expect a sixty-dollar watch in return.
Don't fool around the lit candles on the tree if you are wearing a celluloid collar.
Don't send a safety razor to me, I wear 'em so I won't catch cold.
Don't tell your wife you will give her a present next year. She is getting tired of hearing it.
Don't forget to write home, if it's only for money.

A Football Hint.

Outside wings in football who can't get down under punts are about as effective as forwards in hockey who can't check back.

JOHNSON DESERTS FEDERAL LEAGUE LYNCH LET OUT BY SPOKANE

Nye Officially Notified of His Selection as 1915 Victoria Pilot; Colored Giants to Play Here

Spokane officials have sent word to Mike Lynch, the former Victoria manager, that he can choose his own berth for next season, the Indians having decided upon a new leader for next season. Owner Parr will not give out the name of his 1915 manager, but Nick Williams is thought the probable choice. Lynch states that he will make application for an umpiring berth in the Northwestern League, and says that he knows nothing of the story that he will act as scout for the Federal League club.

Marty Nye has been mailed a contract as manager for next season by the Victoria club, and he will be given authority to sign up two infielders whom he has had lined up since the close of last season.

Kansas City, Dec. 20.—Clark Griffiths, manager of the Washington American League Baseball club, announced Saturday that he had signed Walter Johnson, star pitcher of the Washington Americans, to a three-year contract, and that Johnson would play with Washington next season.

The manager and pitcher reached an agreement after an all-day conference. After the meeting Johnson issued the following signed statement: "After a conference with Manager Griffiths and legal authorities, I am convinced the option in my last year's contract with the Washington ball club was binding, and I am going to return

to the Washington ball club and fulfill my agreements at the terms offered me by that club.

(Signed) "WALTER JOHNSON."
French Lick, Ind., Dec. 20.—Negotiations here between Ban John, president of the American league, and Col. Jacob Ruppert and Captain T. L. Huston, for the sale of the New York American team were broken off without an agreement, but probably will be taken up in Chicago next week.

Rube Foster will bring his colored giants over the Northwestern circuit again next spring. He is now negotiating with the clubs for dates, and will be here during the first two weeks in April.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Hans Lobert, third baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals, arrived here to-day from St. Louis, president of the Federal league, and visited the office of James Gilmore, who conferred with Mr. Gilmore and Phil D. T. Ball, vice-president of the St. Louis Federals. It was expected that before the end of the conference Lobert would sign a contract to play with the St. Louis Federals.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Officials of the American League are here to-day in special session. The object of the meeting was not made public, but it was believed to be consideration of the proposed sale of the New York American club to Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Captain T. L. Huston, who were to arrive from French Lick sometime during the day. It was reported that each team in the league might be asked to give a player to the New York team. One of the demands of the prospective buyers are said to be that the team be strengthened.

RUGBY FIFTEENS IN FINE PRACTICE

A meeting of the Victoria Rugby Union will be held at the Ritz hotel to-night, when the committee will make final arrangements for their match on Saturday (Boxing Day) against the Willows fifteen. The representative team will be the same that played against Vancouver a week ago, and it is hoped that a big crowd will attend as the proceeds will go towards the patriotic fund.

Joe Shiras captained the winning team in Saturday's practice match of the local Rep. players at Oak Bay, defeating A. L. C. Chalk's aggregation by a score of 14 to 12. There was a great turnout of youngsters and veterans, the class of rugby displayed being exceptionally good. A number of the High school and University stars were in uniform and several of these may match places on the team that will

PATRIOTIC MATCH

represent the local union in their coming matches with the Vancouver league.

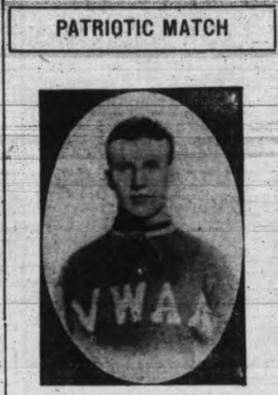
The ground was hard and the players limped a bit as a result of the stiff tackles, but the committee were tickled with the manner in which the players went through the workout.

MCGOORTY AND GIBBONS.

Milwaukee, Dec. 21.—Mike Gibbons will box Eddie McGoorty in Hudson, Wis., on January 18. McGoorty holds a newspaper decision over Gibbons. The winner will be matched with Jimmy Clabby.

MAGEE TO MANAGE.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Lee Magee, former St. Louis National league player, will manage the Brooklyn Federal league team next season, according to an announcement last night by R. E. Ward, president of the club.



CYRIL BAKER
Speedy outside left of the Victoria West soccer team, who is rated one of the finest wing players in the capital. Baker is also a lacerose player of exceptional ability and he will be seen in action in the patriotic football match on Christmas day at the Royal Athletic park.

SOCCER RESULTS

London, Dec. 21.—The following are the results of the league football games played Saturday on the ground of the first named club.

First Division.
Aston Villa, 3; Manchester United, 3.
Bradford City, 5; West Bromwich Albion, 0.
Burnley, 2; Sheffield Wednesday, 3.
Chelsea, 2; Everton, 0.
Liverpool, 1; Oldham Athletic, 2.
Manchester City, 2; Bradford, 3.
Middlesbrough, 1; Blackburn Rovers, 4.
Newcastle United, 1; Notts County, 1.
Sheffield United, 2; Bolton Wanderers, 1.
Tottenham Hotspurs, 0; Sunderland, 6.

Second Division.
Barnsley, 2; Leeds City, 1.
Blackpool, 2; Fulham, 2.
Bristol City, 2; Birmingham, 2.
Huddersfield Town, 2; Grimsby Town, 1.
Leicester Fosse, Clapton Orient, postponed.
Preston North End, 1; Derby County, 3.
Wolverhampton Wanderers, 4; Stockport County, 1.

Southern League.
Gillingham, 0; Plymouth Argyle, 0.
Cardiff City, 1; Northampton, 0.
South End United, 0; Millwall Athletic, 0.
Crystal Palace, 2; Quebec Park Rangers, 2.
Norwich City, 0; West Ham United, 2.

MOHA CLEARED.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 21.—The Wisconsin boxing commission has decided that Bob Moha was not guilty of an intentional foul in his bout with Mike Gibbons at Hudson, Wis., recently.



Moha was disqualified in the second round by Referee Duffy for fouling Gibbons, and the Hudson Boxing club refused to pay Moha his end of the purse. At the hearing Saturday the referee did not believe that Moha was guilty of a deliberate foul, and in a sworn statement Mike Gibbons said the same thing.

Heavyweights to Clash.
New York, Dec. 21.—Jim Coffey, the "Dublin Giant," and Carl Morris, the Oklahoma heavyweight, have been matched for a ten-round bout in Madison Square Garden on the night of January 12. On Christmas Day Jim Flynn and Battling Levinsky will meet in a four-round bout before the Brooklyn club of Brooklyn.

Sport Gossip.
Con. Jones still declares that he will get into lacrosse in 1915.
Those amateur hockey teams are showing a lot of class these days.
Victoria players look for Vancouver to slow up after the first few weeks of the season.

Junior athletics are making a big hit at the Y. M. C. A.
Mugsy McGraw will try out fifty-three recruits next spring.

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SMASHING ANSWER TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL ON THE LAND QUESTION

John Oliver Replies to Mis-statements of Hon. W. J. Bowser—Lands of Province Allowed to Fall Into the Hands of Speculators—State of Agriculture

The following open letter to the attorney-general of British Columbia has been written and published by John Oliver, former member of the legislature for the Delta:

Sir,—I have before me the News-Advertiser of the 12th inst., containing a report of your speech to the Conservatives of Ward Six of Vancouver city, on the evening of the 11th inst. Passing over your sneering references to prominent Liberals (most one of whom even you dare to openly accuse of any public wrongdoing), I wish to direct your attention to a few of the untrue or misleading statements contained in the report referred to. You are made to say that you are glad to receive criticisms or suggestions and to show your pleasure by the signs you direct against the persons making one or the other.

You are reported to have said that "from some of the criticisms directed at the government it would be presumed that they had done nothing to place settlers on the land or develop the agricultural resources of the province." Also, "it was no use to put people on the land until they had transportation, railways to bring their produce to the market, and lateral roads to connect the farm settlements with the railways. The railways have been provided for by the policies of the government and also the roads."

A fair inference to be drawn from these words would be that the roads necessary to connect prospective or possible farm settlements with the railways had been provided. Such a statement—and such an inference—would at least as far as it refers to that part of British Columbia traversed by the G. T. P. railway, be 99 per cent. untrue, and a 99 per cent. dilution of the truth is pretty thin, even for you. Last April I travelled along the G. T. P. railway from Prince Rupert to Fort George, and from there by stage to Quesnel, and throughout that whole country I did not see one mile of decent wagon road until I was within a few miles of Quesnel. "But before the railways went in and to anticipate the efforts of speculators to secure the lands along the lines of the railways the government had withdrawn from the market agricultural lands in these districts. . . . This had been done along the line of the G. T. P." A more untruthful statement it would be hard to imagine. A reference to the government gazette, to the records of the land office, to the various registry offices, and to the maps and literature published by the government for the information of intending settlers, all bear witness to the untruthfulness of your statement.

When the land law was changed to allow of the staking of unsurveyed land by agents, I heard you defend the change and declare on the floor of the legislature that "the speculator must have a chance; you now try to delude the people who do not know better than you did the very opposite to what you actually did. If you had reserved the agricultural lands for the pre-emptor, as you now say, will you kindly explain where the millions of acres of lands which have been sold (4,238,916 acres from 1906 to 1914 exclusive; see page 21 Journals for 1912) are situated? No one knows better than yourself that your statements are wilfully false and purposely misleading.

Along the line of the G. T. P. railway from the eastern boundary of the province the speculators have acquired picked agricultural lands; this is especially true in the valleys drained by the Salmon, Nechaco, Mud, Stuart, Ninkut, Endaco, Middle, Nation, Bulkley and Skeena rivers. You say that 3,643 pre-emptions have been recorded at Fort George, Fort Fraser, Hazelton and Prince Rupert during the last two years; and I say, that had the lands now held by the speculators been reserved, the records might easily have been and probably would have been 30,000. That 3,643 settlers would take the speculators' leaving, in an endeavor to secure a homestead, proves conclusively that people want land if they can obtain it on reasonable terms.

Why do you refer to pre-emption records for the last two years as showing a remarkable increase of an agricultural population? I will tell you what you are not fair enough to admit. In the session of 1913, after your friends the speculators had acquired more crown lands than they could pay for, and which they could not dispose of at a satisfactory price, you adopted a part of the land policy of the Liberals (which you had opposed for ten years previously), namely, the granting of free homesteads upon payment of a nominal recording fee. The results have been such that you now quote statistics to show the wisdom of a policy which you successfully opposed for ten years.

Had the whole Liberal policy been adopted ten years since, the conditions in British Columbia would not have been as they are to-day. You now seek to lead the people to believe that you have sought to protect agricultural lands from the speculator, and I say that you have aided the speculator to the best of your ability, and in the following manner: (1) By advocating changes in the land laws making it easier for them to acquire public lands, as in the matter of staking by agents; (2) by allowing the provisions of the land laws to be evaded by the use of fraudulent powers of attorney (powers of attorney contrary to the provisions of the Powers of Attorney Act, and specially designed for a fraudulent purpose).

You, as attorney-general, a sworn minister of the crown, have not only neglected but you have purposely refrained from the performance of your

duty to "see that the administration of public affairs is in accordance with law" (Attorney-General act, Sec. 3). As attorney-general you have charge of the administration of justice within the province. You have refrained, and purposely so, from the performance of your duty, in that you have taken no action to bring to justice those persons guilty of frauds upon the land act by acquiring crown lands by means of the fraudulent powers of attorney before referred to. You as attorney-general have neglected and purposely refrained from your duty, in that you have taken no steps to cancel the crown grants of lands obtained by fraud (Land act, Sec. 157).

You are reported to have stated that there were surveyed and reserved for the settler and the settler alone 91,123,567 acres, and further on you say, "The fact that a man would stand in line for sixty days to record his claim, seemed a pretty good bona fide of the man's desire to secure a home for himself." Quite true, as to the man's desire; you with over 50,000,000 acres of surveyed lands available to choose from, standing in line for sixty days to secure a choice is unaccountable. To use a vulgar phrase, "you have been talking through your hat again." The report of the surveyor-general for the year 1912 shows that all the surveyed lands in British Columbia at that date were 18,885,323 acres. To jump from less than 19,000,000 for all purposes in 1912 to over 90,000,000 in 1914 for one purpose is going some, even for you.

You are reported as saying: "Perhaps some of the land sold in the early days in the northern country had been purchased by the speculator; but these men had paid taxes on the land and interest on the unpaid balances." This, as you very well know, is largely untrue; either a majority of these speculative holders are in arrears or your public accounts are incorrect.

You refer to the very large increase of expenditure in the agricultural department, as proof of what the gov-

ernment is doing. I know that you have a large number of men in all parts of British Columbia on your pay sheets; but the benefits to agriculture is not so apparent.

You say that there has been an increase of \$5,000,000 in value of agricultural produce in the last two years, and you appear to be aggrieved that the government has not been given credit therefor. Even if the statement were true, which I doubt, it does not mean that there was a very large increase in quantity of produce, but that prices were higher. The truth is, your statement is based largely on guess work. The government has not now nor ever had any reliable methods of collecting statistics showing quantity, quality, or value of agricultural produce.

The government has spent thousands of dollars upon the agricultural commission, which has reported in favor of a line of policy which the Liberals of British Columbia have advocated for years, and which you have consistently opposed. You now intimate that the recommendations of the commission may not be carried out; it remains to be seen if you can bulldoze the legislature into acting as you desire.

Before leaving this question of lands and agriculture, let me remind you that the minister of finance and agriculture is, or was, a short time since a prominent official in a land company operating in lands near Fort Fraser, and that notwithstanding the law on the subject he has been in receipt of provincial moneys other than his allowance as a minister, and as a member of the legislature. Another indemnity bill will be in order.

Your connection with the Dominion Trust as its legal advisor will be ventilated in course of time.

I am, yours truly,

JOHN OLIVER.

The simple character of the Russian peasant, several millions of whom are reported enrolled for the war, is illustrated by the story of the fate of the Socialist. The Socialist arrived in a village to convert the inhabitants to his belief. He thought he would begin by disproving the existence of God, because if he proved that there was no God it would naturally follow that there should be no emperor and no policeman. So he took the holy image and said, "There is no God, and I will prove it immediately. I will spit upon this image and break it to bits, and if there is a God He will send fire from heaven and kill me, and if there is no God nothing will happen to me at all." Then he took the image and spat upon it, and broke it to bits, and he said to the peasants, "You see God has not killed me." "No," said the peasants, "God has not killed you, but we will." And they did.

HUNDRED PUDDINGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

Splendid Practical Work Done With Teachers' Relief Fund—During Past Three Months

One hundred puddings will go to a hundred homes about the city this week as one of the excellent works being carried out with the Victoria teachers' relief fund. They will gain added spice when those receiving them learn that the bright girls of the domestic science centres have mixed them and that they have been cooked in the kitchens of the city schools. The material for the good cheer has been procured out of the fund.

The needlework department has made 200 garments for distribution among the poor of the city and the Belgian orphans. Useful knitted articles have been made by the domestic science pupils, and a teachers' sewing club, under Miss Boorman's guidance, has met on Wednesday nights, the garments being distributed among the poor children of the city. Fifty dollars from the teachers' fund has been used in providing extra material for use of these workers. Most of the material, however, was provided by the pupils themselves.

To meet the conditions of Christmas week the fund has been increased by an extra \$100, a similar sum being given by the board. As a result of this generous action on the part of the teachers, men will be put to work this week on school repairs and improvements. Some twelve extra men will be found employment for four days in this way.

Groceries, blankets, shoes, dry goods and wood have been distributed direct to needy people, while to the Salvation Army sums have been granted, in the first case for the relief of cases of distress brought to the notice of Ensign Merritt, and in the second place to finance the scheme for the establishment of a wood-cutting industry. The honorary secretary, Harry Charlesworth, looks for some return from the sales of the wood cut, which will be used to provide further employment.

The school nurse has received a small vote for medical supplies to be used among the needy.

In September \$601.20 was paid into the fund by the city teachers; \$532.95 in October, and \$611.70 in November. The sum of \$200 a month has been con-

tributed to the Patriotic Aid society; \$150 in September, and \$100 in October to the Belgian fund, and \$200 in October to the Friendly Help association.

GERMAN BOYS AT THE FRONT.

In the various German military depots, it is stated that 60,000 youths of 16 are now being trained, their officers being university and college professors, who are still liable to be called up to serve. A story told by a young German prisoner, one of a convoy passing through Saint Omer (Pas de Calais) to a representative of a Calais Journal is significant:

"Is this Saint Omer?" asked the boy in good French.

"Yes."

"Far inside French territory?"

"In the north."

"Ah! It's a surprise for us. We were taken from the benches of the university where we were students, some sixty of my comrades and myself. We were given uniforms and a gun and we set off. My mother does not know I have gone. What must she be thinking! I had not seen her for three weeks when I left. A week after receiving our equipment we were put in trenches. We did not know how to hold a rifle. One fine day, as our officer was telling us to fall in, we found ourselves surrounded by French soldiers and taken prisoners, and here we are after being told that we were going to France to guard Paris and the big towns captured."

The boy, who gave his age as 16, said that he was reading law, and hoped to finish his studies in Paris. He added ingenuously: "I shall like to let my parents know that I am here. My father does a lot of business with France. He could come and fetch me, as he has influential friends, and get me released, for I am under age for a soldier."

"BITE" IN BRITISH ATTACK.

Lieutenant Paul Levy, of the French Artillery, who was wounded at the battle of the Aisne, has written an appreciation of the British army to an English friend, in the course of which he says: "There has been great admiration of the equipment of the men; it is worthy of all praise. And then their martial bearing, their handsome faces, their well-built forms. Moreover, their phlegm, which has always been recognized as an English quality, wins them all the bravos of the people of our country, more emotional than you, although not quite so emotional as English troops show an extraordinary concern for hygiene. You men who make a profession of warfare, find means, in an interval between two battles, to shave themselves and take a tub. They

outrun the imagination of our most extreme military sympathies. This, though admirable, is detail and a side matter. The real cause of the popularity of your troops is that they are almost exclusively composed of fine elements, that they know how to fight, and how to hold on with the utmost obstinacy, that there is "bite" in their attack, and that they never abandon themselves to

panic in the little partial checks inherent in all military action."

A Statesman's Response.—"Do you take this woman to be your lawful wedded wife?" solemnly inquired the officiating clergyman. "Yielding with reluctance to the earnest solicitation of my many friends, I do!" sonorously answered the Hon. Howland Hoopmore.

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ANTIOCHUS REPORTS FAIR WINTER VOYAGE

Blue Funnel Liner Steamed Through Several Heavy Gales on Way to Victoria

Plenty of wind and very heavy seas were encountered by the Blue Funnel liner Antiochus, Capt. Flynn, during her voyage across the Pacific from Yokohama. Despite the bad weather the steamer made a smart passage and succeeded in regaining one of the three days which she lost while in Oriental waters. The Antiochus was piloted up to the outer docks yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock and remained here until last evening, when she proceeded to Sound piers.

Although he admitted having met bad weather, Capt. Flynn said that he considers he had a little better than the usual winter passage. "We didn't have those real snorters, which we generally meet at this season of the year," said the skipper. For three days after leaving Yokohama the weather was severe and the ship rolled and pitched in the high sea which was running. Following this a spell of fine weather favored the ship and then she fell in with another series of gales. Off the west coast of Vancouver Island the ship was assailed by very strong winds. Throughout the passage from Yokohama the Antiochus maintained an average speed of 12.97 knots an hour.

Watched For Emden.

The Antiochus, with her valuable cargo of freight, steamed across the Indian Ocean during the day when the German cruiser Emden was fitting the role of a pirate. The big steamship put into Aden before starting on the run to Singapore to learn the latest movements of the raider. Then with all lights out the Antiochus left port. She put into Colombo, Ceylon, for additional news of the cruiser, and after a brief delay there proceeded on her voyage. She slipped across the ocean without sighting the smoke of the Emden, for which every man jacked on board the Antiochus was thankful. There was plenty of rejoicing when the news was spread about on the ship that the Emden's days were over.

On her outward trip the Antiochus was overhauled several times by British and French warships, but she was never stopped. The Blue Funnel liners have a particular style of steamship which is known all around the world, and the allies' cruisers, upon finding that the Antiochus was a Blue Funnel ship through their glasses allowed her to proceed without interruption.

The Antiochus brought in a full cargo of general freight, including 1,500 tons which she will discharge at the outer docks upon her return from the Sound at the end of this week. The steamer has a shipment of silk valued at over \$1,000,000, and this is being discharged at Tacoma today.

Fifty-three Chinese disembarked at Victoria and 44 went through to the United States.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER LOST

Turk's Island, Dec. 21.—The Norwegian steamer Anita, 734 tons, from Halifax for Jamaica, by way of Turk's Island and Santiago, Cuba, stranded on North Caicos Island on the night of December 19, and probably will be a total loss. She was carrying a general cargo, which is now being salvaged. The members of the crew of the Anita also were saved.

COSTA RICA VESSEL COMING TO VICTORIA

Marina Quesasada, Formerly the Gladstone, En Route Here From Newport News

Within the next five or six weeks the flag of Costa Rica will be seen for the first time in Victoria harbor. The colors of the little Central American republic will flutter over the tallmast of the steamship Marina Quesasada, which cleared from Newport News, Va., last Wednesday for this port. She is coming here via the Panama canal and will take all of five weeks to complete the trip.

The Marina Quesasada was formerly the Norwegian steamship Gladstone, and reports were current that she carried a cargo of supplies for German warships on her recent voyage across the Atlantic. As a result of this rumor, the collector of customs at Newport News investigated the vessel for nearly a month before granting her clearance.

The Marina Quesasada is the first vessel to raise the Costa Rican flag in the United States. She was given provisional registry.

The Marina Quesasada, when known as the Gladstone, was chartered by the Canadian Northern railway to bring a cargo of rails from Sydney, C. B., to Port Mann, B. C. She is coming to this coast on a different charter on her present trip.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Dec. 20

San Diego, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Isthmian, from the sea in distress.

San Francisco, Cal.—Arrived: Str. Orlon, Seattle.

Tacoma, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Atlas, San Francisco; str. Evelyn, New York.

Seattle, Wash.—Arrived: Str. Peter H. Crowl, New York via Baltimore and San Francisco; str. Santa Rita, Port San Luis; str. William Chatham, Tacoma, after being ashore, str. Strathesk, Pitt via Vancouver, str. St. Helens, Atlantic ports, via Portland, str. Congress, Tacoma via Everett; large John C. Noller, in tow tug Nomanore, Seattle, Nanaimo, and reports were current that she carried a cargo of supplies for German warships on her recent voyage across the Atlantic. As a result of this rumor, the collector of customs at Newport News investigated the vessel for nearly a month before granting her clearance.

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STARTS PASSENGER SERVICE

Seattle, Dec. 21.—Inaugurating the passenger service of the Royal Mail Steam Packet company from Seattle to the Far East the British steamship Glengyle is scheduled to reach this port from the United Kingdom February 15. The vessel sailed from London for the North Pacific via ports in the Orient November 29.

Seattle representatives of the Royal Mail on Saturday announced that the passenger rates between this port and the Far East will be \$125 to Yokohama, \$132.50 to Kobe, \$146 to Moji and \$150 to Shanghai, Hongkong and Manila.

PRESIDENT ARRIVES

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the Pacific coast steamship President, Capt. Canby, arrived in port from San Diego, San Pedro and San Francisco after a rough passage. She carried a fair list of passengers and considerable cargo.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP-SEA ARRIVALS			
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents
Seattle Maru	Saito	2,440	R. P. Rithet
Yokohama Maru	Komatsubara	4,773	R. P. Rithet
Fanboy
Mexico Maru	Kobayashi	3,839	R. P. Rithet
Director	Nicholson	2,128	Balfour Guthrie
Awa Maru	Hominaga	3,339	R. P. Rithet
Melrose	Phillips	4,921	R. P. Rithet
Essex	Peterson	6,889	Dodwell & Co.
Seattle Maru	Saito	2,440	R. P. Rithet
Shidzuka Maru	Doguchi	4,329	R. P. Rithet
Crown of Seville	Smith	2,674	Balfour Guthrie
Movana
Singara	Holla	2,582	C. P. R.
Danforth	Lyster	2,539	Dodwell & Co.
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DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES			
Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents
Niagara	C. P. R.	Sydney	Dec. 23
Cyclops	Dodwell	Liverpool	Dec. 23
Panama Maru	R. P. Rithet	H'kg'g	Dec. 23
Sado Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Dec. 23
Seattle Maru	R. P. Rithet	H'kg'g	Jan. 3
Yokohama Maru	G. N.	Hongkong	Jan. 12
Makura	C. P. R.	Australia	Jan. 29
Antiochus	Dodwell	Liverpool	Jan. 29

COASTING VESSELS			
From Northern Ports	From Southern Ports	From West Coast	From San Francisco
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Church Street, West Hartlepool, Shelled by German Cruisers

Interviewing Kitchener Not a National Pastime

By "ONE WHO DIDN'T"

When England finally joined in the great war now waging in Europe a great army of war correspondents, descriptive writers and plain newspaper men was sent hurrying abroad by the newspaper magazine press of America.

No matter what point in the great war area they were headed for, each was expected to turn up sooner or later in London. And as each man, after getting his instructions from his editor or chief, packed up his grip and started for the elevator, he was halted by some such remark as this: "By the way, while you are in London, you might get an interview with Kitchener."

Theoretically Possible. Well, you might. You might, just as you might make a personal selection from the crown jewels, or drop over of an afternoon and play tennis with Princess Mary, or beat Queen Mary a rubber at bridge, or do any other impossible thing.

Take it from one who spent nearly four months trying to "interview Kitchener"—the thing has not yet become a national pastime; in fact, it can hardly be called a local sport. Believe me, it isn't done; unlike afternoon tea or marmalade for breakfast, it's not the thing.

During those four months of patient endeavor I heard the legend that a man had once interviewed Kitchener; I met a reporter for a London newspaper who told me how he once tried to interview Kitchener, and I said good-bye to Irvin Cobb as he was sailing for New York, gasping: "It's been done! I've done it! I've interviewed Kitchener!"

And Kitchener Said—As for the legend, it still is a legend. As for the reporter, he waylaid Kitchener as the latter stepped from a railway carriage and said timidly: "Lord Kitchener, I represent the London Times."

"How interesting!" replied Kitchener of Khartoum, and passed on. "Now, as to Cobb, hats off to him, for he did get into the presence. It is true that Kitchener did all the interviewing, and it is true that the opportunity for meeting Kitchener was handed to Cobb on a silver platter; but the fact remains that he did talk with the great man."

But if what I am told is true, Cobb may not live long to enjoy his triumph. If, at some convivial gathering, he should begin: "When I interviewed Kitchener—Sam Blythe will rise up and slay him on the spot. For this is the story of Cobb's interview as London writers know it:

Hard Lines For Blythe. When Blythe started for London he was one of those whose chief said: "By the way, Blythe, while you're over there you might get an interview with Kitchener."

"Sure thing," said Blythe as he shot down the elevator shaft. "But although he did collect the most remarkable lot of facts and figures and interesting data on how England and France went to war, he did not get an interview with Kitchener. There was not a wire he did not put, not an influence he did not seek. Finally, he appealed to a great literary man, a man with a title, a man whose relations with Blythe's employers were extremely cordial.

"I want you to get me an interview with Kitchener," said Blythe. "Good Lord, man!" gasped the great author. "You must be crazy! You might as well ask me to get you an interview with the king."

"You've said it," replied Blythe instantly. "The K. or K. of K."

There wasn't a chance, was the final judgment of the big man; but he would see what could be done. Then he obtained the co-operation of others as influential as himself, and the matter was laid before the silent lord of the war office. There the matter rested without any encouragement, but also without any absolute refusal.

That Americans considered him the biggest military figure of modern times; that they would read anything that he might say with intense interest, and asked him to name the time and place most convenient to him for an interview.

I Am Franked. A few days later I got the following reply: 21st September, 1914. Dear Sir: Lord Kitchener asks me to thank you for your letter of the 18th instant in which you ask him for an interview. The pressure of his present work will unfortunately prevent him from acceding to your request.

The secretary of state has in the present circumstances been constrained to decline all such invitations. Might I suggest that you communicate with Mr. Acland, the under secretary of state for foreign affairs, who I have reason to believe, would be very glad to see you? Yours very truly, H. J. CREEDY, Private Secretary.

Again the Legend. Well, this was a sad blow. I hadn't asked to interview Mr. Acland. Kitchener was the man I was after—K. of K., the man who was going to settle things in a jiffy.

Mr. Acland is a very courteous gentleman, who sees all the newspaper men and gives them wonderful interviews—and then tells them they must not print them. Obvious, he wasn't the man I was after. So I began to make inquiries about this man Kitchener, who so lightly turned down an opportunity to talk to millions of American newspaper readers.

I went to twenty different men of prominence, some of them men of title, and each one assured me that he believed the thing could not be done. "There goes Kitchener!"

Then I got to haunting the War Office at all hours of the day to study this man and see if chance might not point the way to unsealing the lips of this Sphinx. I saw him pass in and out a score of times—a tall, sneaky, slightly stooped, khaki-clad, steely gray eye. But it was useless to try to waylay him. I finally believe a bayonet thrust or a bullet would have been my reward had I tried, for he is closely guarded. I got to know every outline of his figure, and once caused a small commotion in a crowded bus by exclaiming: "There goes Kitchener!" as we whirled along Whitehall. His tall figure was just disappearing into the War Office, and in the general scramble all the other passengers missed him. Then they all glared at me so accusingly and in such a hostile manner that I felt very uncomfortable and got out at the next corner and took another bus.

A Bit of Encouragement. Some weeks later I learned that a certain publisher whom I had met upon the occasion of one of his visits to the United States had great influence with Kitchener, and I determined to call on him and make a strong personal appeal.

When I saw this eminent publisher he was extremely cordial, but like everybody else, seemed to think there was very little hope for me. Finally, however, he said: "I will do what I can for you. I will personally see Kitchener and urge him to do it, but that is all I can promise you."

At a small informal dinner a few nights later, as I was introduced to one of the guests, he grasped my hand very cordially and said: "I am so glad to meet you, because I understand you are going to interview Kitchener."

For a moment I was petrified with astonishment. Who was this man, and how did he know I was going to interview Kitchener? Just how nearly I came to leaping on him and choking the answers from his throat he will never know.

Somehow I controlled myself and managed to stammer out some inane remark about counting chickens before you made a rabbit stew, first being careful to skin the eggs. Then it came out that he knew the gentleman who had promised to help me, and he had casually mentioned it in conversation.

Oh, of course. "But of course you are going to," said my new acquaintance, "because Mr. — (mentioning the name of the publisher) can get very nearly anything he goes after in London."

Again my pulse leaped and I felt a queer, giddy sensation in the head. "Now, when you see Kitchener," he continued—"I wished he wouldn't talk that way. It made me jump like touching a sore tooth."

"When you see Kitchener I wish you would show him this letter and Kitchener would laugh and slap me on the knee and say: 'No, no! Don't get so down and have another cigar and I'll tell you all about that letter and how mad it made the old villain when he got it. And if you'll stay to dinner I'll tell you just what we are going to do to that other villain, the Kaiser. I was just about to write him a letter when you came in, and if you will only stay I'll give you a copy of it.'"

I have no recollection whatever of anything that occurred at that dinner from that moment on. I was too busy interviewing Kitchener in my mind.

Then came the lamentable death of Lord Roberts, upsetting all of England and stopping everything but the war itself; and at the same time came cable instructions for me to return to America.—Montreal News.

The Immortal Light Division. This war, like most others our empire engages in, brings forth in newspapers, magazines and books the histories of many of our British regiments, most of all of which have at least one battalion at the front to-day.

The glorious records of several regiments are often repeated, while many a good old battalion with equally as good, if not a better record, is neglected. Writers never tire telling of the Black Watch, the Gordons, the Seaforths, the Grenadier Guards, the Royal Irish regiments, etc., and as fighting men everyone knows these famous corps are unsurpassed. Yet we find the 66th Rifles with more battle honors on its colors than any regiment in the British army.

The Rifle Brigade and Highland Light Infantry coming next. But where, in all the long and glorious careers of the British army can a record be found that equals the illustrious renown of those three English regiments, known on the deathless scroll of fame as the 43rd, the 52nd and the 95th Rifle Brigades, the former two now being the first and second battalions of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and the latter known now as the Rifle Brigade. The 43rd were originally the first Monmouthshire Foot. Historians cannot speak too highly of these regiments. Their fame was made in the great Peninsular war. They differed from any other regiment in the army in that they received a special training at the hands of the great Sir John Moore, beginning about 1803.

They were really the first light infantry in the army, and were trained as such. They carried a lighter arm, were instructed in skirmishing and taught to fight and manoeuvre in extended order, to take cover, and generally to fight as the troops of the present day are taught. Above all was a splendid discipline instilled into them. One writer says: "Moore did more to create the modern British soldier than any general that can be named. Under his quickening genius he made these men soldiers unsurpassable, perhaps never equalled."

They were for the most part picked men, desperate spirits, hardy and brave, needing officers with authority in their face as well as at their back to command them. They had the best of officers. They were known as the Light Division and were mainly to form a screen for the army when near the enemy, but their deeds apart from the main army place them in position alone. When they came from Moore's hands and went to the Peninsula they were the most select body of troops Britain possessed. That they upheld this reputation in many respects in the Peninsular war is borne out by the historians, and not only does this apply to the division as a whole, but to each individual regiment. They are known in history as 'The Immortal Light Division.' Sir Wm. Napier, the greatest of British military historians, says they were "matchless veterans," and "that the Tenth Legion of Caesar, the Macedonian phalanx of Alexander the Great, the Iron soldiers that followed Cortez to Mexico, Alva's Spanish Infantry or Napoleon's Old Guard never exceeded them in warlike quality." Oman says they were the division of the army. Again Napier says they were soldiers who had never met their match in the field. Of the 52nd he says, "they were never surpassed in arms since arms were first borne by men." They fought from

first to last in the Peninsula, and all their great achievements are too numerous to repeat here. They soon became famous in Spain for their invincible fighting, their astounding marches and their magnificent discipline. Each regiment in itself was an extraordinary unit. We have read over and over again that the soldiers of Wellington's day was severely treated. The discipline of this famous body was particularly so, especially with the 52nd, and at the time of the Indian Mutiny, where they served with distinction, they were an exclusive corps in that respect. In the Peninsular war this famous light division was for many years commanded by the most rigid disciplinarian of the British army—General Robert Crauford—and he brought it to such a pitch that the men were ready to march or fight at short notice, and they soon became a fighting instrument of singular power.

One needs only to read the great history of the Peninsular war to have an idea of their power. Their great discipline pulled them through successfully at Traralga d'Onoro, at the Coa in face of stupendous odds, and on the retreat from Burgos, their endurance and their marching qualities were amply displayed when they attempted to reach Talavera in time for the great battle, and at Salamanca in the Pyrenees, and scores of other places, while their fighting qualities were shown from first to last. They were unquarrelable. Instance the division at Busaco, Ciudad Rodrigo, Badajoz, Traralga d'Onoro, Salamanca, Victoria, Laubal, the veteran work of the 43rd on the Nine and Nivelle, in the Pyrenees, or the redoubtable charge of the 52nd at Orthez, and it was the 52nd,

which, brought on by a great piece of manoeuvring, delivered the great blow that smashed Napoleon's Old Guard at Waterloo and so broke its order that other British regiments were able to put in the finishing work. We have different reliable historians' words for this, though the Grenadier Guards were given credit for the achievement, a slight that was deeply felt by the officers and men of the 52nd.

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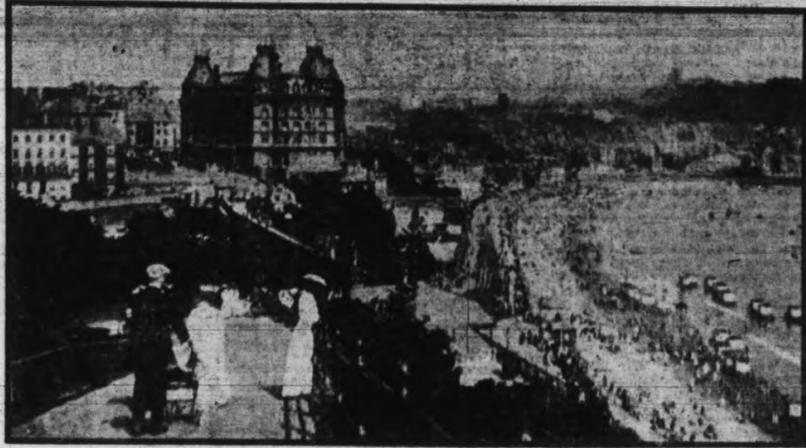
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Petrograd, Dec. 21.—All through the short winter day you see them moving in squads and companies from the outfit department, from the outfit department to the armory, and from the armory to the stations for the west, the sturdy Slavs that are making for the frontier to swell the flood of Russia's indomitable infantry.

Many of them are already in a new world. The young Siberians are very conscious of it. You notice their quick step, chins well up; they are sure of themselves and interested in everything. At the crossing people stop to watch and wish them good luck; for answer they nod confidently and wave their fur caps to the crowd.

They are only one in the long line of territorial armies that Russia has assembled to fight for the Slav cause; but because they have come from afar and because they are the children of Russia's very own colonizing pioneers the people are following their progress in the war with proud heart.

Unquestionably they are formidable fighting men. Not very tall, an average of five feet eight or nine inches, they have big, firm limbs, deep chests and broad backs, and they look bigger under their coats of complete undressed sheepskin with the skin turned outside.

Many of them are the sons of prosperous farmers; they have brought their own homestead scraps and superb field boots and burnished copper kettles.

In their quarters by the railway station as they await to entrain for the front they are sure of the company of some older, sophisticated citizens, probably carters and porters, who are very willing to explain to them what it is all about.

One View of War's Beginning: "This is what happened," says one observer of events. "The Germans got all the best places in Russia as man-

agers of the big estates. They brought in their own agronomes and their own foresters. They had their own way with the crops and with the timber. They got more and more, until at last they said, 'No, you give us your land.' But we said, 'No, you will not get our land. You will get out.' That is how it began."

This Siberian type is not confined by any means to the sons of the generations who went east and took their families, roused by the same hopes that used to send Scotch crofters to Canada and New Zealand. It represents much more the prevailing spirit of the country Russian who is lucky enough to live far from the administrative centre than foreigners would suppose from looking at the facile, familiar pictures of phenomenal humililty that are held up as the likeness of the Russian peasant. Of course, he is religious. His religion belongs to him and makes up his life, just as his land belongs to him and makes up his life. The two together are his existence.

But there is no ponderous burden of saintliness about him. He spends very little of his pocket money on barbers or tailors, and hence superficially he is taken to be a yokel and a simpleton. Very much the reverse. He knows in these present times what he is fighting about; and the Germans used to be pacifists, who reconciled themselves to the war because they feared the coming of the Slav, had probably good grounds for their fears.

The philosophers at the railway stations are left behind, and the new troops are steaming away down southward into the heart of Poland. Here is how they came into the first fight; it happened to be the opening of the battle of the Vistula:

"It was 5 o'clock in the morning and all the horizons were dark. The morning air was frosty, hoar frost was on the grass. Our regiment got the order to advance. We had rested two or three hours, and now we were going into action. The regiment had a very difficult task. The orders were to establish both the position of the enemy and his numerical strength. It's God's will. In the forest suddenly something crackled, and this happened again. We feel the enemy. The battle began, the first shots in the great battles of the Vistula.

In Their First Battle: "Ours is the first regiment engaged; after us are drawn in a second, a third and a fourth regiment. By 9 in the

morning the battle is in full blast, machine guns ripping without pause, and the dry, sharp spit of the rifle bullets. Like thunder the big guns are booming, shaking earth and sky. Across the river we have thrown an excellent wide pontoon bridge. Along it like compact lava comes moving a human mass. On the river we have a flotilla of boats filled with army equipment. Outside on both sides of the little town our artillery is working, hidden in the woods.

"For a minute there is silence; it means that our guns have found the enemy, and that he is changing his position. Then ours boom out again with redoubled force. The Germans are beginning to point their fire on the river and on the town. We know that they feel that at all costs they must blow up our bridge and smash our reinforcements.

"Their shells are plunging into the river—and throwing up columns of water. Beside us a shell has set fire to a house. All the while our eyes are glued on the bridge. The men are passing with ropes passed under their arms to keep the lines in good order. One shell struck the bridge, and all the live-of-life on it pressed to the farther side. But it was a soft explosion, and only a few were killed. Under a torrent of shrapnel our people moved on.

"The Germans now turned their shells fire on our launches and boats. Sometimes they turned their fire across the Vistula and hit the town. The remnants of its population, the poorest of the beggars, broke into panic. Then like a flash a company of Cossacks galloped through. Soon after them goes the brave ambulance caravan slowly and filled with wounded. Our ears are bursting with the sound of cannon, all through this trance until morning."

GARIBALDI'S SON ASKS FOR ACTS, NOT WORDS

Demonstrations in Italy at Ceremonies in Remembrance of Oberdank

Rome, Dec. 20.—The troops and police in many places in Italy were called upon to-day to keep down riotous demonstrations against Austria at celebrations of the anniversary of the death of Irredentist Leader Oberdank, who organized the unsuccessful plot to assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph in Trieste in 1882 and was put to death for it.

During the night of Saturday, although they had been forbidden by the authorities, to do so, parties to the movement paraded the streets with posters referring to Oberdank and also distributed leaflets.

Some of them had mourning borders bearing the inscription "Remember the sacrifice of Oberdank." Several were slightly injured in clashes with the police.

The Republican deputy, Cola Annali, delivered a speech to a sympathetic audience, which frequently broke into applause as the speaker recited the history of the "Tristan martyr" and his ideals, and declared it was necessary soon to realize them. The demonstration reached its climax when Niccolotti Garibaldi, son of the Italian patriot, Garibaldi, leaning on his crutches, arose and said: "A voice is still ringing from Caprera Island, where my father is buried. It asks for acts, not words, from the committee promoting the enlistment of volunteers."

As Garibaldi ceased there was a tremendous outburst of applause and cries of "Long Live Italy—Long Live Trent," and "Long Live Trieste."

Several crowds of demonstrators attempted to invade the centre of the city but were prevented from doing so by the police and troops.

This afternoon the Republican association held a procession and later unveiled a marble tablet in the Republican club in honor of Oberdank.

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Sublime satisfaction in one's own powers must be a very delightful condition, but a celebrated English musician, Dr. Arpe, who flourished in the first half of the seventeenth century, for once very wittily turned the tables on some singers of this type. He was asked to decide on the respective powers of two vocalists whose talents excited ardently in their own imagina-

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(a) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality in addition to all powers contained in Subsec. 16, of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, to pass a By-law charging the owners or occupants of any house, property, tenement, lot or part of lot, or both, in, through, or past which any water main or pipe shall run, a reasonable rent or charge for the use or opportunity of use of the water, whether such owner or occupant shall use the water or not, or be connected or not, with the water main or pipe, and for charging the owner or lessee of each vacant property, lot or part of lot, fronting on any street, in, through or past which any water main or pipe are to be placed, provided the pipe or main runs in, through or past the said property lot, with a fair and reasonable rent or charge for the use and opportunity of using the water, whether there is any connection or not, and for providing that these powers shall apply to all waterworks heretofore constructed under Local Improvement System and taken over by the Municipality, and to all waterworks hereafter constructed with moneys heretofore voted.

(b) Authorizing the Council of the Municipality when a work is to be or has been done either under the Municipal Act or Local Improvement Act when a frontage rate is incapable or difficult of determination, to charge a suitable proportion of the cost of any such work against any area or areas whether subdivided or not, and whether the same has or has not any frontage on any street; and to assess such charge by a special rate.

(c) To take over, alter and improve any waterworks, mains, pipes or plant heretofore or hereafter constructed by any person or persons, and to assume all liability in connection therewith, and particularly to exercise in connection therewith the rights provided by Subsec. 107 of Sec. 54 of the Municipal Act, and all rights to be granted by the Act to be obtained.

(d) Authorizing the Municipality to borrow any amount for fire protection purposes.

(e) Validating the Margold and Blackwood Local Improvement By-Law and additional By-Laws affecting the same to be heretofore passed by the Council, and set out in said By-Laws and fixing the assessments and permitting the Municipality to assess and collect the actual costs of the works.

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The following article was printed in the Matin, headed "Our Joffre," and marked as "The Roadside Notes of a Soldier," under which general title the editor, M. Stephane Lauzanne, has been contributing to his paper some of the best sketches of the war that have appeared in France.

It is no longer the generals in chief who will in future win battles; it will be the colonels and even the simple captains. Battles will be engaged along fronts of 250 to 300 miles, and along such a distance the will of a single man has scarcely any hold. One can make but few combinations or use many forces.

"The general in chief's role then will be almost finished when he has brought to a determined point on the line of battle all the armies which ought to take part in it. The role of the colonels and captains will commence as soon as the firing has begun. It is they who will decide the fate of the combat. The troops which will win will be those which hold out the longest and have the most endurance, energy and faith in final success."

He said that in August, 1912, some days before going to direct the grand manoeuvres in Touraine, where Gen. Gallieni for his part was to show some of his magnificent qualities of command and method. The generalissimo's words, which I registered in the Matin, have remained engraved on my memory. And I can still see in the half light of his office in the superior council of war at the Invalides the man with his blue, limpid eyes and his voice, slow and almost bass. Never did an eye look more clearly into the future or a voice utter a prophecy more striking in its fulfilment.

Likened to Roman Chiefs. Neyer, furthermore, even in a country which can pride itself on having had the greatest leaders in history, has there been a figure more pure, the image of Fate and thought, to whom the Roman legions gave the name of "Cunctator," "The Delayer," but Joffre is more and better than a Fabius.



And after all, he is right. At the bottom of our soul we feel that he is right.

What more shall I tell you about him? That he draws up orders and decisions that are models of clearness, brevity and eloquence. The famous order of the day issued the eve of the battle of the Marne has proved it too well to need repeating. It is a pity that the great public, the nation, cannot know others, reserved for officers only and for troops in action. The leading characteristic of Joffre's orders is that when they are read the first instinct is to cry, "Heavens, but he is right!"

They are so impregnated with common sense that no one feels a desire to discuss them, no one can discuss them to any use. And then they constantly show his care to spare our lives, to preserve our flesh and turn the enemy's bullets from us. I have already told you the story of the peals of our caps. Even the copper buttons of our men occupy his attention. He found them too visible, too brilliant. He has just had them washed with acetol of lead to darken them. As a result, "He will finish by having a little individual fog made for each of us which will make us invisible."

We laughed but we feel his care. Toward him there mounts total, absolute devotion of the most formidable mass of men that France has ever armed. Later when he has led us to the "final success" government and parliament can vote him all the recompense they will, even those that have been abolished for forty-four years, the grade of Marshal, for us he will remain always the man whom we have blindly followed, whom we have loved like a father, "our Joffre."

A wealthy broker is so fond of flowers that he frequently spends some time with his plants, sometimes doing a little gardening himself. A few days ago he thought he would water some plants, so he called to his new coachman, who was standing near a watering-can, and told him to fill it and bring it to him. "Dear pardon, sir, I'm the coachman," said the importation, touching his hat. "Well, that's all right; bring that can here. I want it."

Ob, but do not imagine that he has won our affection because he passed over everything for us and tolerated everything in us. Hearts of soldiers, no more than slopes of trenches, are not to be won by giving way. No, he passes over nothing and puts up with nothing. Severe toward himself, he believes he has the right to be severe toward us. Discipline has no more unmanageable guardian.

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HURRIED TRAINING OF CANADIANS INDICATES QUICK MOVE TO FRONT

Toronto, Dec. 21.—A special cable, to the Globe says that Gen. Alderson has approved of the Queen's Own Grenadiers and bodyguard from this city being known as the Toronto regiment. Hamilton, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria Highlanders become officially the Canadian Highlanders.

Nearly every household in the Salisbury district will entertain two or three Canadians at Christmas, he cables.

Three weeks training are being crowded into one and this may mean an early departure for the front. The Canadian clearing hospital under Col. Ford has moved to the Connaught Canadian Red Cross hospital at Clevedon, Tapelof, Buckinghamshire. There have been fifty days of rain since their arrival.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS SENT TO CITIES OF BELGIUM

Packages From Children of United States Will Be Received Without Messages.

Rotherdam, Dec. 21.—The Belgian allotment of Christmas presents brought here by the United States naval collier Jason has been divided into three parts and forwarded to Antwerp, Brussels and Liege, whence the toys will be distributed throughout the country.

Unfortunately, owing to frontier regulations it was necessary to unpack all packages and to remove letters and Christmas messages written for the most part by American children. The members of the American relief commission greatly regretted this, as it robs the Belgian children of the messages of good cheer sent them by little Americans.

The Dutch government has granted free railroad transportation of the American food supplied to Belgium.

LONDON THEATRES HAVE PANTOMINES AS USUAL

London, Dec. 21.—The more important London theatres will offer their Christmas pantomimes as usual, taking the position that children must not be robbed of their holiday treat because of the war. Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Sleeping Beauty and a number of other favorite fancies of childhood are to be revived at Christmas time with the same brilliancy as in past years.

Hotels, which have not attempted to have dancing since the opening of the war, have also announced that they will resume the weekly Saturday evening dinner dances.

Mourning is rapidly displacing color in London streets, and shop windows are filled with black hats, Belgian and French visitors are nearly all in mourning, and few London hostesses are now able to arrange dinners, even small affairs, without discovering that the war has visited death upon the families of many of their friends.

IRREGULAR MARKET AT WINNIPEG FOR WHEAT

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Cables from Liverpool did not respond to the strength on this side on Saturday, causing a somewhat irregular opening. The market was lower to be higher, oats to be lower to be higher, and flax to be higher. A decisive sharp advance took place following the opening, influenced by Chicago, December shorts becoming palkey.

Winnipeg before noon had advanced to be at noon there was a tendency to ease off. The export activity has not in any way abated. One firm sold early this morning \$5,000 to 50,000 bushels, and further business was done. Wheat futures closed to be over Saturday's close, oats unchanged to be lower, and flax to be higher. The cash wheat demand was fair, but few offerings were on the market. The inquiry for barley was active, but cash oats and flax were quiet.

Cash wheat closed at 72c, 73c, 74c, 75c, 76c, 77c, 78c, 79c, 80c, 81c, 82c, 83c, 84c, 85c, 86c, 87c, 88c, 89c, 90c, 91c, 92c, 93c, 94c, 95c, 96c, 97c, 98c, 99c, 100c.

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Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 121 1/2; 2 Nor., 118 1/2; 3 Nor., 114 1/2; No. 4, 109 1/2; No. 5, 104 1/2; No. 6, 100 1/2; No. 7, 95 1/2; No. 8, 90 1/2; No. 9, 85 1/2; No. 10, 80 1/2; No. 11, 75 1/2; No. 12, 70 1/2; No. 13, 65 1/2; No. 14, 60 1/2; No. 15, 55 1/2; No. 16, 50 1/2; No. 17, 45 1/2; No. 18, 40 1/2; No. 19, 35 1/2; No. 20, 30 1/2; No. 21, 25 1/2; No. 22, 20 1/2; No. 23, 15 1/2; No. 24, 10 1/2; No. 25, 5 1/2; No. 26, 0 1/2.

HOLDERS WHO HAD SOLD TRY TO REPLACE LINES

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Following temporary dip in wheat prices on first trades due to the fine snow protection for the winter crop and the flat Liverpool cable which was disappointing, there developed the greatest bull market in wheat since the price was at 115. Export houses became buyers. Sold-out holders attempted to replace lines. Two or three big individual holders were in the market with large buying orders. Once the market started up about one cent from bottom quotations the trade was carried off its feet by stop loss orders. The market started up the wheat at Minneapolis. Out of nearly 900,000 bushels in Chicago stocks and increases in visible, coupled with large export clearances for the day all on the side of buyers.

Wheat— Open High Low Close
July 115 116 117 118
Dec. 121 122 123 124
May 125 126 127 128
Corn—
July 71 72 73 74
Dec. 61 62 63 64
May 56 57 58 59
Oats—
Dec. 49 48 47 46
May 53 54 55 56
Rye—
Jan. 18 19 20 21
May 18 19 20 21
Lard—
Jan. 10 11 12 13
May 10 11 12 13
Short Hds—
Jan. 10 11 12 13
May 10 11 12 13

GIFTS AT LESS THAN COST PRICE AT Finchs' Bankrupt Sale

This is not a regular sale, an annual or semi-annual sale. It's a bankrupt sale of one of the finest stocks ever assembled in the West. Women's natural craving for bargains can be satisfied here in ways almost unbelievable. Gift seekers can buy at prices never dreamt of—prices that will never be offered in this city again. You don't want to read a lot of talk, so we'll stop right here and just give you a few price examples:

Terrific Reductions in Handkerchiefs



LOT NO. 3—Fancy Lace and Embroidered Handkerchiefs, some with colored edge. Regular at \$1.00. Sale price, 3 for **50c**

LOT NO. 4—Ladies' Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, with fancy embroidered patterns. Regular \$1.50 for **25c**

LOT NO. 5—Fancy Embroidered and Colored edged Handkerchiefs. Regular up to 75c. Two for **25c**

LOT NO. 6—Plain Embroidered Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched edge. Regular 50c each, 2 for **25c**

LOT NO. 7—Gent's Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs. Regular 70c for **35c**
Regular 50c for **25c**

These are two very fine lines.

LOT NO. 1—Real Lace Handkerchiefs, priced from \$50.00 to \$10. go at **Half-Price**

LOT NO. 2—Ladies' Hemstitched-Initial Handkerchiefs, regular 20c each. **25c**
Sale price, 2 for **25c**

EVENING AND MOTOR SCARFS

In lace, chiffon and silk. Very beautiful designs. Reg. up to \$12.50, for **\$2.95**

LADIES' KNICKERS

A very useful gift, one that would be much appreciated. They come in Italian silk and stockingette.

LOT 1—Knickers of Italian silk, extra heavy quality. Reg. \$10. To clear **\$4.95**

LOT 2—Jersey Silk Knickers in all shades. Reg. \$6. To clear **\$2.95**

GLOVES AT BIG-SAVING



Perrin's Navarre Gloves, in all shades. Regular \$2.00 for **\$1.45**

Extra Special Glove Snaps, including Perrin's, "Flora," "Lutonia," and "Olga," black, white and colors. Regular prices to \$1.50. Your choice at **95c**

PLAIN AND NOVELTY HANDBAGS

Leathers, Moire Silks, Beaded Effects and Assorted Suede Leathers. Black and colors included in the following lots:

LOT No. 1—Regular to \$5.00 for **\$1.95**
LOT No. 2—Regular to \$6.50 for **\$2.95**
LOT No. 3—Regular to \$10.00 for **\$4.95**
LOT No. 4—Regular to \$25.00 for **\$6.95**

UMBRELLAS

LOT 1—Ladies' Pure Silk Covered Umbrellas, gold-filled handles. Priced to \$25.00 for **\$7.50**
LOT 2—Umbrellas regular \$4.00 to \$5.00 for **\$2.25**
LOT 3—Umbrellas regular \$2.50 for **\$1.25**

Men's Umbrellas to Be Cleared at One-Half Price and Less

SILK BLOUSES

All this season's models, in silk chiffons, silk crepes de chine, dark and light shades, all handsomely trimmed with dainty lace frill, etc. Priced up to \$12.50. Sale price **\$3.90**

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Suits, Reg. \$20, **\$5.00**
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Plain Tailored Suits in diagonal serge. Such colors as wine, green, grey, navy and black, for **\$5.00**

Novelty Suits, **\$17.50**
Reg. to \$40, **\$17.50**

Long and Medium Length Coats, black and colors. Some trimmed, others semi-tailored styles. Regular to \$40.00 for **\$17.50**

Suits, Reg. to \$35, for **\$15.00**

Smart Suits made of 12 oz. serge. Mostly plain tailored style. Also English Golfing Suits; navy, fawns and greys, for **\$15.00**

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Reg. to \$115, **\$37.50**

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Financial News

RETRACED ACTION IN PORTLAND FOR TO-DAY

Fluctuating Area of Local Stock Market is Limited for Session

Quotations ruled steady this morning, the fluctuating area of the market being narrow, in view of feeling which is influenced by the near approach of the festive season.

Portland Canal made up its set-back of Saturday and for some reason or other was tendered rather decided support for the session, although no sales were effected.

Offerings of Tunnels were one cent lower and Glacier Creek had a soft appearance in company with other Stewart issues. Portland escaped of course.

Development work on the Calgary field is said to have resumed, but as yet no prices are forthcoming in the various oil issues.

Stock	High	Low	Bid	Ask
Blackbird Syndicate	25.00	24.00	24.00	25.00
B. C. Refining Co.	30	29	29	30
B. C. Copper Co.	75	73	73	75
C. N. P. Fisheries	40	38	38	40
Colonation Gold	22	21	21	22
Lucky Jim Zinc	92 1/2	91	91	92 1/2
McGillivray Coal	18	17	17	18
Nugget Gold	25	24	24	25
Portland Canal	91 1/2	90	90	91 1/2
Hambler Cariboo	25	24	24	25
Red Cliff	50	48	48	50
Standard Lead	1.50	1.40	1.40	1.50
Snowstorm	12	11	11	12
Stewart M. & D.	65	63	63	65
Stewart Star	37	35	35	37
S. S. Island Creamery	6.00	5.80	5.80	6.00
Stewart Land	7.50	7.30	7.30	7.50
Unlisted				
Glacier Creek	02	01	01	02
Island Investment	22.00	21.00	21.00	22.00
Union City	20.00	19.00	19.00	20.00
Western Can. P. Mills	120.00	118.00	118.00	120.00
Portland Tunnels	05	04	04	05
Neville Share Iron	35	34	34	35
Atlin Basin Oil	70	68	68	70
Stocks Waterworks	30.00	29.00	29.00	30.00

HOLIDAY SPIRIT HELD QUOTATIONS IN CHECK

New York Market Had Lower Range To-day; Supreme Court Adjourns

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 21.—Trading was restricted and generally the range of prices was lower for stocks today. The professional element, whose operations for the most part appear to dominate the action of the market at present, lacked initiative and were disposed to await further assimilation of the rate decisions by the financial fabric.

The holiday spirit is commencing to hold values in check but in easy periods, the selling side of securities is favored, and buying movements have made little headway thus far in prices.

No important railroad decisions were rendered by the Supreme court, and that body recessed until January 4.

Stock	High	Low	Bid	Ask
Alaska Gold	25	24	24	25
Amalg. Copper	44	43	43	44
Am. Beet Sugar	31	30	30	31
Am. Can.	254	248	248	254
Am. Car & Foundry	46	45	45	46
Am. Ice Securities	24	23	23	24
Am. Locomotive	24	23	23	24
Am. Smelting	583	572	572	583
Am. Tel. & Tel.	1184	1172	1172	1184
Atchafalaya	804	792	792	804
B. & O.	70	69	69	70
B. R. T.	84	83	83	84
C. P. R.	1563	1551	1551	1563
Central Lumber	272	267	267	272
C. M. & St. P.	331	323	323	331
Eric	222	217	217	222
G. N. Pref.	1142	1134	1134	1142
Inter-Metro	182	174	174	182
Louis Valley	134	131	131	134
New Haven	58	57	57	58
North. Pac.	52	51	51	52
Mo. Pacific	174	169	169	174
N. Y. Central	84	82	82	84
Penn. Steel	1094	1081	1081	1094
Pennsylvania	1072	1062	1062	1072
Reading	146	143	143	146
Rock Island	12	11	11	12
Tenn. Copper, ex-div.	314	311	311	314
U. P.	118	116 1/2	116 1/2	118
U. S. Steel	507	494	494	507
Utah Copper	49	48	48	49
Granby	694	680	680	694

LEFT ON GAS JET, IS FOUND DEAD IN ROOM

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 21.—Alfred Lewis, aged 70, a retired furniture dealer, was found dead in his room at the Grand View hotel this morning. He had left open a gas jet with suicidal intent last night. Until a short time ago he was proprietor of the Grand Furniture company, having been in business here for 15 years. His will found beside the bed divides his property and \$1,000 cash among five heirs in London.

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- Yellow Chartreuse, half bottle \$1.75
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- Green Chartreuse, half bottle \$1.90
- Creme De Cacao, per bottle \$2.00
- Creme De Cacao, per bottle \$1.75
- Creme De Menthe, white, per bottle \$1.75
- Creme De Menthe, green, per bottle \$1.75
- Catapano, Triple Sec, per bottle \$2.00
- Kummel, Russian, per bottle \$2.00
- Peach Brandy, per bottle \$2.00
- Frouse Cafe, per bottle \$1.75
- Greek Mastic, per bottle \$1.75
- Manhattan o'er Martina Cocktails, per bottle, \$1.50 and \$2.00

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- Checked Felt, Everett style, leather outsole; 90c and 75¢
- Plain Black Felt, leather bindings and sole; a good grade Slipper \$1.25
- Black Leather Opera style, \$2.50, \$2.00 \$1.25

FOR WOMEN

- Satin Quilted Slippers, assorted shades 75¢
- "Kosy" Slippers, British made; all sizes 75¢
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workers were employed. By withdrawing 5,500 into other fields of activity, an unsettled occupation had become systematized.

Rev. William Stevenson, who arrived late, had only a few minutes to speak. He dealt with the new central body's work and pointed out that if a good deal was said detrimental to the working individual, after all the hobo was a philosopher of the first water, and the hobo certainly had chums at the other end of the social scale.

The resolution concerning a convention on unemployment carried. It was as follows:

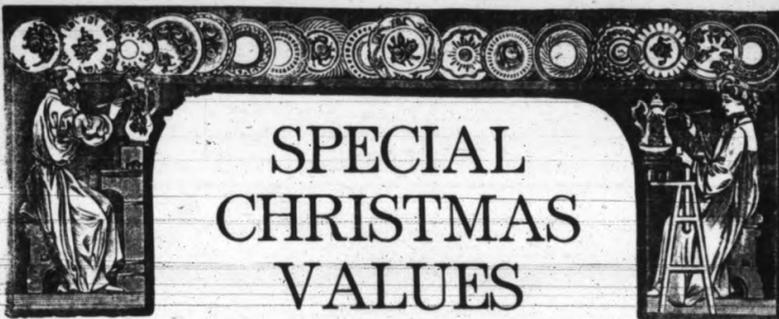
"This meeting of the citizens of Victoria, while recognizing the immediate necessity of a central organization under the chairmanship of the mayor, to deal with present needs of the unemployed and their families, hereby recommends with a view to preventing the working classes becoming recipients of charity in the future.

"That the legislature at its forthcoming session shall undertake legislation which shall establish the principle that every citizen of either sex out of employment is entitled to be provided with useful, remunerative employment; "That in view of the distress caused

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Fancy China Bon Bon Dishes, Tea Pots, Fancy Glass and Brass Candlesticks, Chocolate Pots, Coffee Pots, Bouillon Cups and Saucers, Hand-Painted Cake Plates, Fancy Rail Plates, Sewing Sets, Pressed Glass Salad Bowls.

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Glass Cake Plates, Cut Glass Water Pitchers, Salad Bowls, Bonbonieres, Hand-Painted Mayonnaise Bowl and Stand, Seven-Piece China Berry Sets, Creams and Sugars, Small Cruets, Fancy Cups and Saucers, China Vases.

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- Smokers' Sets, \$2.70 to \$5.84
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